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Prices and Prospects.

Furnace and Foundry Coke Demand Is Unchanged But Heating Grade Decreases

Market Prices for the Former Affected by the Decline for the Latter.

FURNACE DOWN, $7-$7.25

Foundry, $8-$8.50; Heating, $6-$6.50; Buyers and Sellers Watching Market; Furnacemen Hold Off Making Contracts; Expect Drop in Prices.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 14.—Demand for furnace and foundry grades of coke have been about the same in the past week as for several weeks past. The blast furnaces are as a rule well supplied with coke by their regular contracts, and only occasionally is there any buying to speak of in the open market. Car supplies have been rather poor and shipments are sometimes delayed, but the furnaces are not running as much on a hand to mouth basis as formerly and thus can stand an occasional break in their receipts. In the past week there have been only one or two cases of furnace interests requiring any considerable tonnage of coke in the open market.

Demand for foundry coke has been much the same as for a couple months past, but on the whole there seems to be a slight rising tendency in the volume. This comes more from the foundries having a heavier operation than from their buying with more freedom, as the policy continues among foundries of buying from hand to mouth. There are a few contracts in operation, but a much smaller proportion than normal of the foundry coke is moving on contract. At the regular contracting time most operators were unwilling to make contracts, while buyers were reserved also, considering prices too high to last.

Heating coke continues to be in less request, as spring is approached. There is still some buying, but the transactions are in smaller and smaller lots. The demand is light by comparison with the strenuous demand of last December although it is probably well above the average in a period of years.

Coke prices being always very sensitive to slight changes in the relation between supply and demand, there has been a continuance of the decline in heating coke prices, and furnace and foundry grades have naturally been affected by the decline. A fortnight ago heating coke was bringing $7.00 and more, while a week ago the market was quotable at $6.50 to $7.00. In the past couple days there have been some offerings of heating coke at $6.00 and it is giving sellers the benefit of a small doubt to quote the full range of the market at $6.00 to $6.50.

In furnace coke, quotable a week ago at $7.50 to $8.00, though with little by way of actual transactions to support the quotations, there is now some tonnage of fair grade obtainable at $7.00 and the outside of the market is about $7.25. There have been some offerings at $6.75 but this is understood to be in coke not fully up to standard.

Foundry coke has lost only 25 cents in the past week, and this loss is merely a sympathetic reflection of the continued decline in heating coke. On its merits foundry coke should have held at the old level. The market for spot or prompt is now quotable as follows:

Heating coke	$6.00@$6.50
Furnace coke	$7.00@$7.25
Foundry coke	$8.00@$8.50

The coke market is being watched with particular keenness by both sellers and buyers for the reason that while there is little business cropping out now there will be an important movement before April 1, in contracts for second quarter. The furnacemen feel that there is a declining market and therefore are disposed to hold off in the matter of contracting. Coke operators do not feel at all sure of this, for they see prices of billets and finished steel products advancing rather freely and do not see why this should not be a very favorable influence in coke, sufficient to arrest the decline if not produce an advance. As to supplies, coke production is restricted by car supply and labor conditions. Car supply is of course likely to grow much better as spring is approached, but labor supply will go the other way, as outdoor work, including road building, is certain to be heavy this spring and summer.

Prices in the Pittsburg district coal market have shown a variety of trends. Demand for nut coal, which for a time brought the highest price of any description of coal, up to $6.50 has disappeared altogether, and lump coal demand on the whole is considerably lighter. There is hardly any call for 2-inch and 3-inch nut while the movement is good in 1¼-inch. Two-inch lump means eastern and New England demand, 3-inch demand is western, and 1¼-inch is the regular local demand, in the territory normally tributary to the Pittsburg coal district. Hardly any steam mine-run Pittsburg coal is offered, on account of car shortage, and the market continues quotable at about $2.75. Connellsville steam coal has been in fair supply, at lower prices.

Pig iron continues rather dull in all districts, not being stimulated by the activity and rising prices in steel. Very little pig iron has been bought for shipment after April 1, apparently because consumers hope for lower prices. Pig iron cannot decline unless coke grows considerably cheaper, furnacemen claiming that current prices are too low relative to coke.

In one sense the pig iron market is exhibiting decided strength, in that it shows no decline despite the long continued dullness in actual sales. Deliveries against old sales are very good, some consumers desiring furnaces to anticipate shipping dates. The local market is quotable as follows:

Bessemer	$27.50@$28.00
Basic	$25.00@$26.00
Foundry	$27.00@$28.00
Malleable	$27.00@$28.00

These prices are f. o. b. Valley furnaces, freight to Pittsburg being $1.77.

COKE FREIGHT RATES.

The freight rates on coke from the Connellsville district, which includes what is officially known as the Connellsville region (sometimes called the basin district) and the Lower Connellsville district (often called the Klondike and sometimes the Masontown district) to principal points for shipment, are as follows, per ton of 2,000 pounds, effective July 1, 1922:

Destination.	Rate.
Baltimore	$3.21
Buffalo	3.24
Canton	2.52
Chicago	4.14
Cleveland	2.77
Columbus	2.77
Detroit	3.65
E. St. Louis	4.54
Erie	2.77
Harrisburg	2.96
Joliet	4.16
Louisville	4.16
Milwaukee	4.79
New York	4.79
Philadelphia	3.53
Pittsburg	1.51
Port Henry, N. Y.	4.54
Port Maitland, Ont.	3.28
Pottstown	3.28
Reading	3.28
Richmond, Va. (B. & O.)	4.65
Richmond, Va. (P. R. R.)	4.79
South Bethlehem	3.52
Swedeland, Pa.	3.53
Toledo, O.	3.28
Wheeling	2.27
Valley Points	2.27
For Export.	
From Connellsville district:	
Philadelphia (F. O. B. vessels)	$3.02
Baltimore (F. O. B. vessels)	3.02
From Latrobe district:	
Philadelphia (F. O. B. vessels)	2.82
Baltimore (F. O. B. vessels)	2.82

INGOT PRODUCTION LIKELY TO MAKE NEW RECORD NEXT MONTH

Mill Operations Smoother Which Facilitates Production; Buyers Fear Labor Shortage in Spring.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will review the steel and iron trade tomorrow as follows:

Steel ingot production in January averaged between 42,000,000 and 44,000,000 tons a year, against a rate in the fourth quarter of last year of about 40,000,000 tons, and an average in the six months preceding of about 34,500,000 tons. March, almost invariably a good month for tonnages, is likely to show a rate of over 45,000,000 tons. This would break the best post-war record, made in March, 1920, and the best war-time record, a trifle under 47,000,000 tons, in September, 1918, may possibly be attained.

Increasing steel production has been due chiefly to improving labor supply and smoother operation of mills from practice. After March, labor shortage will in all probability be more pronounced than it was last autumn. The steel industry cannot compete with contractors who must have labor to complete contracts, but may possibly advance its general wage rate in the next few months, following the 20 per cent advance of September 1.

The enormous demand for steel of late is most readily explained on the ground that consumers are fearful as to their supplies in the spring, when the supply of labor will control the volume of industrial activity.

Inquiry for steel products has been heavy in the past week, but much of the inquiry now shows duplication, as many mills are refusing to quote on business offered, and an inquiry must go the rounds to find a seller. The actual turnover is running high in steel for construction work, but is lighter than in December or January in steel for jobbers and manufacturing consumers.

The U. S. Steel Corporation's bookings were heavier in January than in December, partly because independents were unable to offer as prompt shipment as in December. With shipments increased, the corporation's unfilled tonnage showed a gain of 165,075 tons in January against a loss of 91,529 tons in December.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1923.				WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 3, 1923.			
DISTRICT	Ovens	In	Out	Tons	Ovens	In	Out	Tons
Connellsville	18,360	12,426	5,931	144,790	18,385	12,209	6,176	138,910
Lower Connellsville	16,853	9,883	6,970	114,990	16,713	9,136	7,577	105,190
Totals	35,213	22,309	12,904	259,780	35,098	21,345	13,753	244,100
FURNACE OVENS								
Connellsville	15,096	9,905	5,191	115,810	15,096	9,723	5,373	111,860
Lower Connellsville	6,586	2,871	3,712	35,990	6,586	2,546	4,040	32,250
Totals	21,682	12,779	8,903	151,800	21,682	12,269	9,413	144,110
MERCHANT OVENS.								
Connellsville	3,264	2,521	743	28,980	3,289	2,486	803	27,050
Lower Connellsville	10,267	7,009	3,258	79,000	10,127	6,590	3,537	72,040
Totals	13,531	9,530	4,001	107,980	13,416	9,076	4,340	99,090

NOVEL QUESTION IN RAILROAD MERGER IS RAISED BY COAL MEN

Oppose Plan of B. & O. to Buy the Indian Creek & Northern in West Virginia.

HAS FAILED IN ITS DUTY

By Its Inability to Supply Cars to Mines; Operators Petition Interstate Commerce Commission to Prevent Consummation of the Purchase.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The new and novel question as to whether the Interstate Commerce Commission should approve the application of one common carrier for the acquisition of another such carrier until it has first shown its ability to perform its duty to the public in the matter of car supply is raised in a petition filed last week with the commission on behalf of certain coal companies operating mines in the Fairmont District of Northern West Virginia in which it is asked to set aside and withdraw its approval of the application of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, to acquire control of the Indian Creek & Northern Railway Company by purchase of its capital stock. This, the petitioners contend, has not yet been demonstrated in the case at issue, says Coal Review.

The petition, which was filed with the commission by George T. Bell, as attorney, on behalf of the Lambert Run Coal Company, the Delmar Coal Company, the Hughes Coal Company, the New Superior Coal Company, and Clarence D. Robinson, doing business as the Robinson Coal Company, seeks to have the proceedings reopened and to intervene.

The commission erred, the petitioners aver, in approving the application for proposed acquisition for the following, among other reasons:

That the hearing on the application "no witnesses other than witnesses officially connected with the two parties having a direct and selfish interest in the transaction, appeared and testified in favor of the proposed acquisition," and that the "record contains no testimony or evidence whatsoever by disinterested third parties or public officials that the proposed acquisition 'will be in the public interest.'"

The petitioners point out that all of their mines are local mines served only by the Baltimore & Ohio; that they are absolutely dependent upon that road for their coal cars; that the location of the mines is such that it is impracticable to store coal at the mines; and finally it is impracticable to operate their mines unless furnished the necessary cars.

In this connection, it is alleged in the petition that for the past several months the Baltimore & Ohio has furnished less than 30 per cent of the total cars required by petitioners' mines and other mines dependent upon it for car supply; that at the present time and for the past 30 days the mines on the Monongah division of the Baltimore & Ohio, on which the petitioners' mines are located, have not received sufficient cars for commercial loading to run them the equivalent of two working days per week, although the have regularly placed orders for sufficient cars to run them six days per week; that during some weeks the available supply of cars for commercial loading has been so low as to be insufficient to run the mines as much as one full working day per week. The effect of these conditions, the petition avers, has been:

To cause petitioners great and irreparable damage; inability to keep their mines in operation not more than one or two days per week; to cause many of the miners to leave petitioners' employ because the short running time of petitioners' mines makes it impossible for their miners to earn enough money to pay for the bare necessities of life; to cause the average cost of mining coal to petitioners' mines to increase greatly; to cause petitioners to lose and forego customers to whom they have sold considerable quantities of coal and with whom they now have contracts calling for the delivery of large quantities of coal.

The petitioners further aver that the Baltimore & Ohio is not complying with the interstate commerce law because, among other things, it has failed to furnish adequate car service, one reason alleged being that it does not own sufficient coal cars and motive power with which to do so.

The petition then recites that if the Baltimore & Ohio is permitted finally and irrevocably to make the proposed acquisition, it "will be still less able to comply with the common-carrier obligations referred to, and still less able to satisfy reasonably the demands for service made upon it by the coal mines now local to its rails and wholly dependent upon it for coal supply and transportation."

In conclusion, the petitioners declare that the certain effect of the acquisition would be to make the car service now rendered by the Baltimore & Ohio to them and other coal operators on its lines still more inadequate and inefficient, and to render the said railroad still less able to discharge its common-carrier obligations and to impair the ability of the said road to perform its duty to the public."

The petitioners request the commission to enter a temporary order vacating, setting aside, and withdrawing its approval of the application for the proposed acquisition; to reopen the proceedings for the taking of further testimony or for further argument; to grant them leave to intervene in the proceeding and to participate in the further taking of testimony and to file brief and to argue the matters in issue in the light of additional evidence, and finally to issue a supplemental order making the temporary order permanent and to prevent the proposed acquisition.

In support of their claim that the Baltimore & Ohio has failed and is failing to furnish an adequate car supply to coal mines on its Monongah Division, the petitioners cite figures from the road's car distribution bulletins. The figures show, the petitioners allege, that the Monongah division, on which their mines are located, was "short" a total of 3,296.8 cars on November 30, 1922; that indications are that the division was "short" a total of 3,071.8 cars on October 31, 1922; and that they are informed and believe that the bulletin shortly to be issued will show that the division was still short a total of over 3,000 cars on December 31, 1922.

Controversies During Strike Under Scrutiny

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb 14—An investigation to determine whether civic rights of American citizens have been abridged or denied during labor controversies in the coal industry and whether breaches of civil or criminal law have been involved, with a purpose of fixing responsibility, was begun today by the Federal Coal Commission. Former Vice-President Marshall, one of the commission members, was detailed to make the preliminary examination.

The commission asked the United Mine Workers and the owners and operators of mines or any other having knowledge of the situation "to submit in concrete form specific charges of the denial to any American citizen of any rights guaranteed to him by the Constitution of the United States or acts of Congress."

Republic to Fire Other Furnaces

YOUNGSTOWN, Feb. 13.—Orders to put into operation the Youngstown and Hanna blast furnaces of the Republic Iron & Steel Company, idle since November 20, have been issued and the furnace probably will be blown in within a week it was announced today.

The Todd furnace of the Brier Hill Steel Company is being relined and will be lighted as soon as the stack is ready according to another announcement.

This places at work 30 of the 46 blast furnaces in the Mahoning district and insures the heaviest operation since the boom times in 1920.

Freight Agents Visit Region.

F. M. Jordan who has succeeded W. L. Cromlish as coal freight agent of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, accompanied by J. C. McCormick, traveling coal freight agent, made a tour of the coke region yesterday, Connellsville being one of the places visited by them.

TOTAL COKE MADE IN 1922 GAINED 45 PER CENT OVER YEAR '21

Beehive, 8,033,000 Tons or 22 Per Cent; By-Product, 28,493,000, or 78 Per Cent.

PENNA. LEADS IN BOTH

The preliminary estimate of the United States Geological Survey places the output of beehive coke in the United States in 1922 at 8,033,000 tons, an increase of 2,495,000 tons, or 45 per cent over 1921.

The by-product output is placed at 28,493,000, a gain of 8,743,000 tons, or 44 per cent over 1921. The combined production is estimated at 36,776,000 tons, an increase of 11,488,000 tons over the preceding year. Of the total the beehive ovens produced 22 per cent and the by-product ovens 78 per cent, practically the same proportions as in 1921.

The average production per month of beehive coke was 669,000 tons, June with a total of 716,000 tons was the lowest and December with 1,235,000 was the highest month. February with 1,746,000 tons was the smallest month and December with 3,063,000 tons was the largest in by-product production, the monthly average having been 2,374,000 tons.

The production of beehive coke by states, compared with 1921, is shown in the following table:

States	1921	1922
Pennsylvania and Ohio	4,528,000	6,139,000
West Virginia	219,000	349,000
Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia	188,000	408,000
Virginia and Kentucky	380,000	445,000
Colorado and New Mexico	99,000	229,000
Washington and Utah	133,000	263,000
Total	5,538,000	8,033,000

Pennsylvania also lead in the production of by-product coke, the total in 1922 having been 7,181,000 tons. Ohio was second with 4,877,000 tons, Indiana third with 3,022,000 tons and Alabama fourth with 3,496,000 tons. Other states rated as follows: Illinois, 1,585,000 tons; Michigan, 1,141,000 tons; New Jersey, 737,000 tons; Missouri, Rhode Island and Wisconsin combined, 752,000 tons; Maryland, 583,000 tons; West Virginia, 183,000 tons; Kentucky, 459,000 tons; Minnesota, 455,000 tons; Colorado, 365,000 tons; Tennessee, 29,000 tons and Washington, 3,000 tons.

Available estimates on by-products from coke oven operations in 1922 are based on the assumption that the quantity of by-products recovered bore the same relation to the known production of coke in 1922 as in 1921, indicating that the recoveries were approximately: for 365,000,000 gallons; ammonia (sulphate equivalent of all forms), 946,000,000 pounds; gas 447,000,000 M. cubic feet, and crude light oil, 111,000,000 gallons.

New Machinery for Dickerson Run Shops

DICKERSON RUN, Feb. 14—Officials of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad visited the terminal here Monday, their coming having to do with the installation of new machinery and some improvements to the shops.

In the party were J. B Yohe, general manager; W. G. Nimmick, assistant general manager; L. H. Turner, superintendent of motive power; D. J. Redding, master mechanic; E. W. Boots, chief engineer, and Samuel Lynn, master car builder.

Pilling & Company Expand.

Pilling & Company, Inc., New York, announce the election of Frank J. Herman, manager of coal sales and Ralph W. Clark, manager of pig iron sales, as directors. During the past few months, Pilling & Company, Inc., has expanded its coal selling organization greatly. At Johnstown, office was opened October 1, in charge of Charles S. Martin. Bruce N. Stimeta and J. B. McCoirick are serving the northern New Jersey coal buyers. W. T. Miller, until recently with Pardee Brothers, is selling in New York State and is making his headquarters in Utica. It is expected a Boston office will be opened shortly.

Production and Output.

Halt in Production Was In Nature of Breathing Spell Preceding Big Gain

West Penn Power Co. To Build Power Line

HARRISBURG, Feb. 13.—The Public Service Commission has granted authority to the West Penn Power Company to exercise the right of eminent domain for the construction of an electrical transmission line in Cecil, Independence and Mount Pleasant townships, Washington county. A similar line is projected from Beech Bottom, W. Va., to Venice, near Canonsburg.

While the new grant has no relation to upwards of 50 applications from central and eastern Pennsylvania, it is interesting to note that less than 50 miles are required to be spanned in order to link up Pennsylvania with New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. A network of power lines is being developed which is covering the whole state

Plant Equipment At Struthers Sold

The American Coke Corporation of Pittburg has purchased the abandoned Struthers plant of the Struthers Coal & Coke Company of Cleveland, Ohio, located at Fairbanks.

The houses at this plant will be used in connection with the Orient plant of the American Coke Corporation, at Orient, near by, and the equipment that is usable will be moved to the various plants of the American Coke Corporation as needed

Matlack Company Re-elects Officers.

The Matlack Coal & Iron Company, Inc., announce that Arthur H. Nelson has been appointed line agent to represent that company in norther New Jersey territory

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Matlack Coal & Iron Company Inc., the following officers were reelected for a period of one year: Howard C Matlack, president; A. F. Kempe, vice-president; G. Walter Bates, secretary and treasurer.

Sinclair Carr, of Mann, Macneal & Co., Ltd., who are London agents of the Matlack company is now in the States and is making his headquarters at the New York office

New Company Organized.

The Valley Coal Company, Inc., has been organized by W. B. Livingston, William L. Maize and H. D. Leonard at Uniontown.

R. E. Shaw Ill.

R. E Shaw, Baltimore & Ohio ticket agent, is confined to his home in Mattson avenue, with grip Agent Herbert Shaw is on duty.

A GRADUAL DECLINE MARKS COURSE SOFT COAL PRODUCTION

Now Down to About 10,000,000 Tons Weekly; Beehive Coke Shows A Slight Increase.

According to the weekly report of the United States Geological Survey estimates of soft coal production in the week ended February 3 indicate a total output, including coal shipped, mine fuel, local sales, and coal coked, amounting to 10,587,000 net tons. Revised estimates for the week before show 10,985,000 tons. Instead of nearly uniform rate of production at about 11,000,000 tons a week as indicated by early returns, there is now indicated a gradual decline in the production since the beginning of the year.

Preliminary reports of cars loaded during the week February 5-10 show 41,540 cars on Monday, a drop to 30,975 on Tuesday, and further decline to 29,303 on Thursday. The indicated total output for the present week is therefore about 4 per cent less than for the week preceding, and will be between 10,100,000 and 10,200,000 tons.

The production of beehive coke increased slightly in the week ended February 3. The total output, estimated from reports of cars loaded by the principal coke carrier, was 845,000 tons against 843,000 tons the week before. A decrease of 2,000 tons in West Virginia partially offset the improvement in other districts.

The steady increase in production that has been in progress in the Connellsville Region for some weeks came to a halt, and according to The Courier the output declined slightly to 244,100 tons. The Courier attributes the decline to a decrease in demand for heating coke and to car shortage

The cumulative production of beehive coke during the calendar year to date now stands at 1,618,000 net tons. The output during the corresponding period of the four years preceding was as follows:

1919, 2,943,000; 1920, 2,409,000; 1921, 1,277,000; 1922, 577,000.

Thus it is seen that from the viewpoint of beehive coke production 1923 is 44 per cent behind 1919, 32 per cent behind 1920, 29 per cent ahead of 1921, and about 186 per cent ahead of 1922.

Better Car Supply and More Ovens in Blast Swell Output to 259,780 Tons.

SITUATION HAS DANGERS

Too Great Increase in Tonnage May Impeil Stability of the Trade Causing a Surplus; Conservative Operators Sound Word of Warning.

In view of the spurt in coke production last week it appears that the halt which took place the week before was merely a breathing spell preparatory to going ahead with new momentum. At any rate, the effect was of that character, production having increased by 15,680 tons to the new high total of 259,780; greater by 5,230 tons than the record of 1920, which was made during the week of March 27 of that year.

Last week's speeding up was not expected, at least not to the extent which gains were made in output. The conditions generally did not indicate more than a moderate increase over the preceding week. The demand for heating coke, which had vitalized the market beginning in December, was gradually easing off without appreciable increase in demand from other quarters. Shortage of cars had, however, caused a number of producers to become delinquent in shipments on account of contracts which, in some cases, have been accumulating for several weeks past. Aside from this there was apparently little in the market conditions upon which to forecast any very considerable increase in production.

It happened, though, that the car supply took a turn for the better last week, the average distribution by the principal railroads serving the region being higher than for sometime. Evidently producers thought it opportune to take advantage of the situation by turning out more coke, preferring to take the chance of having some unconsigned loads on their siidings rather than empty cars.

Both the furnace and the merchant producers took this view of the matter, the gain in production having been very equally divided between the two interests. The former did even better than the latter in getting coke started on its way to consumers. The furnace ovens not only loaded out all freshly drawn coke but picked up about 7,000 tons from the stock piles on the several yards where the accumulations have been growing from week to week.

While the ovens which have been in production for some time were burning more coal into coke, renewed activity took place in bringing additional plants and ovens into the running. This was participated in by both groups of producers, the furnace group lighting up one long idle plant and a total of 392 ovens while the merchants restored three plants to operation and a total of 454 ovens, making the aggregate oven gain 846. This exceeds the weekly gains in the active oven list thus far in 1923 except the week of January 13 when 922 were brought into blast. Since January 1 the producing ovens have grown in number from 18,884 to 22,309 last week, a gain of 3,425, or an average of 570 per week.

Some of the more conservative operators are disposed to look upon further firing of ovens at this time as imperiling the stability of the trade. With the heating coke market well supplied, and the volume of that business diminishing as spring approaches, there is some fear that any further increase in the rate of production will result in some surplus coke accummulating in the region. It is well-known that the producers of sub-standard coke are the first to begin the search for destinations, once their shipments are cut off in quarters where high sulphur and other "off grades" find a market. That being the situation which always follows overproduction, there is some uneasiness lest there be too great eagerness to make more coke than the market can absorb without impairment of prices.

The estimated production during the week ended Saturday, February 10, was 259,780 tons, divided between the two districts as follows: Connellsville 144,790, an increase of 5,880 tons; Lower Connellsville, 114,990, an increase of 9,800 tons, or a total increase of 15,680 tons as compared with a net decrease of 1,590 tons, during the preceding week

By interests the production was: Furnace, 151,800, a gain of 7,690 tons; merchant, 107,980, a gain of 7,990 tons, as compared with a gain of 420 and a loss of 2,010 tons respectively during the week ended February 3.

The gain of 846 in the number of ovens was divided: H. C. Frick Coke Company, 254; independent furnace, 140; merchant, 454. The Frick company fired up 60 ovens at Lemont No. 2 after a long idleness. The Freedom plant, idle since it was purchased from the Republic Iron & Steel Company in 1919 fired up 48 ovens. Hill Top and Lafayette idle for more than two years, resumed, the former with 36, the latter with 40 ovens.

TRADE COMMISSION BLOCKED IN EFFORT TO GET COST DATA

Defeated in Both Claire Furnace and Maynard Coal Company Cases.

DOES NOT HAVE POWER

To Compel Answer to Questionnaires, Courts Holding that Congress Can Regulate Instrumentalities of Commerce, Not Articles Shipped Therein

The recent decisions of the higher courts on questions involving the right of the Federal Trade Commission to require coal, coke, furnace and other industrial enterprises to make reports of the costs of production, have been rather decisive defeats for the commission. A fortnight ago the Court of Appeals of District of Columbia decided the Claire Furnace Company case, on appeal from the lower court, denying the power of the commission to exact information of the kind sought in its questionnaires. Last week Justice Bailey of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia handed down a decision making permanent the injunction in the Mayard Coal Company case, restraining the trade commission from requiring reports on the cost of producing bituminous coal.

The right of the government to require and to obtain information as to the costs and profits of the coal operators, under the interstate commerce clause of the Constitution, was tested by the Maynard Company which operates mines in Ohio and Kentucky. It went into the Supreme Court of the District and asked an injunction against execution of the Federal Trade Commission's directions. Arguments were advanced that the order of the commission imposed hardships in that the company's accounting system was not so ordered as to yield the information asked and that the commission had no constitutional authority to require the company to supply the information.

The powers of the commission, it was argued, came from the interstate clause of the Constitution, and the coal company was not engaged in interstate commerce. It was admitted that some of its product was shipped out of the state in which the company operated, but the point was made that the shipment was not part of the process of coal mining.

The court accepted the view of coal company on this point, stating in the decision making the injunction permanent that "the defendant seems to confuse articles shipped with instrumentalities of commerce. The power to regulate the latter does not include the power to regulate the former. Nor does the fact that an article is necessary for the operation of an instrumentality of commerce make it subject to regulation by commerce. If this were true Congress would have power to regulate the production of steel, necessary for the construction of locomotives, lumber, for the construction of coaches; rubber, for the construction of springs; food and clothing for the sustenance of train crews; in fact there is almost no article that might not be included in this manner."

The trade commission will, it is expected, appeal from the decision. An appeal to the United States Supreme Court has already been taken in the Claire Furnace Company case.

Explanatory of the scope and effect of the decision in the Maynard coal case the National Coal Association has issued the following statement:

"Owing to confusion that has apparently existed in the public mind as to the motives underlying the action of the bituminous coal industry in challenging the right of the Federal Trade Commission to compel the submission of cost of production data, a decision rendered by Justice Jennings Bailey in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia in the Maynard Coal Company case is of significant interest.

"The Maynard suit was brought in 1920, after the bituminous operators had been ordered by the Federal Trade Commission to submit cost data under a special form laid down by the commission. This form differed in many essential details from the one in use for years in the Treasury Department, calling for the same data. If followed, the commission's form would have entailed a double set of bookkeeping for nearly all the operators. It was upon this point involving serious expense to the producing companies and adding to the production cost of their product, that the Maynard action, a test case, was instituted.

"Time and again since the suit was begun the coal industry has been attacked as having attempted, through arbitrary court tactics, to prevent its cost data being made public through the medium of the commission. In these attacks the point has been ignored that precisely the same information was submitted to the Treasury Department under its own prescribed form, as well as the further fact that the industry, whenever called upon, has voluntarily submitted all such data to any public body, exactly as it is doing with the United States Coal Commission.

"In its opinion the court holds that the Federal Trade Commission cannot require that information be furnished in such a form as will necessitate a revision of the companies' bookkeeping methods. Incidentally the court also holds that, regardless of the form in which the information may be requested, the commission has no power to demand the furnishing of any information relating to costs of mining coal.

"Dealing with the general issues of the action, the court in its opinion said:

"'The defendant (Federal Trade Commission) attempts to distinguish this case and refers to the allegations of the amended answer to the effect that coal is impressed with a public interest, but the mere fact, if it be true, that coal is impressed with a public interest does not transfer the jurisdiction of its control from the states to Congress.

"'The question is not whether a states may regulate the price and production of coal upon the theory that it is impressed with a public interest, but whether such power has been given to Congress, and I find no such power.

"'The defendant seems to confuse articles shipped in commerce with instrumentalities of commerce. The power to regulate the latter does not include the power to regulate the former. Nor does the fact that an article is necessary for the operation of an instrumentality of interstate commerce make it subject to regulation by Congress.

"'If this were true, Congress would have the power to regulate the production of steel necessary for the construction of locomotives; lumber, for the construction of coaches; rubber, for the construction of springs; food and clothing for the sustenance of the train crews; in fact, there is almost no article that might not be included in this manner.'"

LETTER CONFIRMS WILLARD'S WIRE OF ACCEPTANCE

Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, will be here on February 16. This assurance has been received from Mr. Willard himself, writing to C. T. Kepner, president of the Chamber of Commerce of this city, in response to the invitation of the commerce body and the Baltimore & Ohio Veterans' Association.

The plans for the banquet to be held Friday are in the hands of the Chamber of Commerce and the reception will be in charge of the veterans. A telegram was previously received from Mr. Willard stating he would be here and a letter of confirmation, dated February 12, has just been received. It reads:

"My Dear Sir: Your letter of the 9th inst., received and have wired you as follows:

"Your letter ninth. Have made definite arrangements to be in Connellsville on 16th in response to your very kind invitation. Mr. Galloway and a number of other Baltimore & Ohio officers will be with me."

"Unless something should happen, which is now wholly unforeseen, I expect to reach Connellsville next Friday afternoon and spend the evening in response to the invitation from your chamber and from the Baltimore & Ohio Veterans' Association of that division. I am looking forward with great pleasure to this opportunity for meeting so many of the business men of Connellsville and employes of the Baltimore & Ohio Company and their families."

Statue of Penrose Is Proposed

HARRISBURG, Feb. 13.—An appropriation of $100,000 for an erection of a statue of the late Senator Boies Penrose in the State Capitol is provided by a bill introduced in the House today by Representative Lafferty.

Pictures of Local Veterans in Steel Corporation Bulletin

Safety Bulletin No. 9 of the United States Steel Corporation, just issued, contains likenesses of W. L. Buttermore and Boston Shaw of Connellsville, employes of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, who reached the age of retirement on pension during the year 1922.

Mr. Buttermore was in the service of the company 53 years. Mr. Shaw 52 years. Both were employed at Davidson works.

The bulletin also contains cuts of the first aid meet at Leisenring No. 1, the community garden at Old Meadow plant of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company at Scottdale and of gardens and the cooking class at Calumet works of the H. C. Frick Coke Company.

Take Steps to Have Bond Sale Set Aside

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Feb. 9.—The court of Monongalia county has instructed the prosecuting attorney's office to take such steps as are lawful to have sale of bonds of the Morgantown & Wheeling Railroad Company to Samuel Pursglove set aside and the bonds returned to the county.

The instructions were issued in response to a request for expression from the court as to its attitude in the pending suit of R. H. Jarvis and others against Pursglove and the Monongahela Railway, in whose interests Pursglove is said to have acquired the bonds.

City Enjoined From Taxing B. & O. Railroad

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Feb. 8.—An order was entered in Federal court today by Judge W. E. Baker, representing an injunction granted by Judge Nathan Goff, in 1897, restraining the city of Parkersburg from collecting municipal taxes from the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, a contract to that effect having been made by the town of Parkersburg and a predecessor of the Baltimore & Ohio, 68 years ago, which the city declares was invalid.

The city will petition for an appeal to the United States Circuit Court.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN THE CONNELLSVILLE DISTRICT

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, February 10, 1923.

Ovens	In	Works	Name of Operators.	Address.
		MERCHANT OVENS		
152	152	Beatty	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
80	80	Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Co.	Mt. Pleasant
150	134	Clare	Clare Coke Co.	Greensburg
82	82	Clarissa	Corrado-Schenck Coke Co.	Connellsville
100	100	Elm Grove	W. J. Rainey, Inc.	New York
[illegible]	54	Fort Hill	W. J. Rainey, Inc.	New York
[illegible]	...	Franklin	Summit-C'ville Coke Co.	Connellsville
151	80	Gilmore	Gilmore Coke Co.	Uniontown
5	...	Helen	Samuel J. Long	Youngwood
144	[illegible]	Humphries	Humphreys Coal & Coke Co.	Greensburg
[illegible]	...	Morgan	Corrado-Schenck Coke Co.	Connellsville
275	275	Mt. Braddock	W. J. Rainey, Inc.	New York
[illegible]	[illegible]	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
32	32	Myers	Brownfield Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
60	12	Nellie	Nellie Coke Co.	Connellsville
228	124	Oliver No. 1	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
180	260	Oliver No. 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
300	128	Oliver No. 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
[illegible]	[illegible]	Paul	W. J. Rainey, Inc.	New York
[illegible]	[illegible]	Peerless	[illegible] Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
400	400	Revere	W. J. Rainey, Inc.	New York
40	...	Thomas	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown
52	52	West Penn	West Penn Coke Co.	Pittsburg
3,261	2,521			
		FURNACE OVENS		
260	...	Adelaide	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
356	...	Alverton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
397	...	Baggaley	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	100	Bitner	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
210	...	Brinkerton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
260	200	Calumet	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
301	...	Central	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	353	Collier	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	351	Continental 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
326	271	Continental 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	...	Continental 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
120	120	Crossland	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
353	217	Davidson	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	...	Dorothy	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Dunbar
110	60	Dunbar	Amer. Manganese Mfg. Co.	Pittsburg
272	272	Hecla No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
350	190	Hecla No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Hecla No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
335	255	Hostetter	Hostetter-C'ville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
249	248	Juniata	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
312	297	Kyle	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
199	150	Leisenring 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
502	415	Leisenring 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
502	500	Leisenring 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
304	200	Leith	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
[illegible]	69	Lemont No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
[illegible]	350	Lemont No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
509	359	Mammoth	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
505	359	Marguerite	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
195	115	Mutual	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
256	243	Oliphant	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	300	Phillips	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
412	210	Redstone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
448	...	Shoaf	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
425	250	Southwest 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
150	...	Southwest 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
291	...	Southwest 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
501	[illegible]	Standard	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
464	[illegible]	Trotter	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
254	220	United	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
[illegible]	252	Whitney	Hostetter-C'ville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
[illegible]	192	Wynn	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
[illegible]	402	Yorkrun	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
265	229	Youngstown	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
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$108,988.89 PAID VETERAN EMPLOYES IN COKE REGION

Beneficiaries of the United States Steel and Carnegie Pension Fund.

NEARLY NINE PER CENT

Of the Grand Total Distributed During 1922; Gain of $19,954.95 Over Preceding Year; Standard Again in First Place, Davidson Close Second.

Employes of the H. C. Frick Coke Company and other subsidiaries of the United States Steel Corporation in the Connellsville region who are beneficiaries of the United States Steel and Carnegie Pension Fund, received a total of $108,988.89, or almost nine per cent of the grand total of $1,236,661.74, disbursed by this agency during 1922. The distribution was as follows:

H. C. Frick Coke Company, $97,998.79; Hostetter Connellsville Coke Company, $1,662.60; Union Supply Company, $1,703.60; Old Meadow and Scottdale works of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company, Scottdale, $7,723.90, a total of $108,988.89, or an increase of $19,954.95 over the amount distributed in 1921.

The employes of the Standard works of the Frick company were again the largest beneficiaries of the fund, their share having been $10,519.10, or $3,682.10 more than was received during the preceding year. Davidson works were a close second with $10,130.75, a gain of $4,993.55 over 1921. Southwest No. 1, which was second in 1921 with $6,255.35, was third in 1922 with $7,501.80. Other plants of the Frick company drew amounts ranging from $5,001.80, paid to the pensioners at Trotter, to $13.25 distributed among the veterans at Juniata. The abandoned plants, constituting one group, drew $13,452.45, or $198.25 less than in 1921.

The amount distributed among employes of the Union Supply Company increased from $1,503 in 1921 to $1,703.60 in 1922. The general offices drew $1,071, Brownsville and Bute stores, $144 each, same as in 1921; Davidson store drew $344.60.

The distribution at plants of the H. C. Frick Coke Company was as follows:

General Offices	$ 1,987.20
Alverton	1,102.80
Baggaley	1,114.20
Bitner	154.20
Brinkerton	144.00
Buffington	654.00
Calumet	926.00
Central	1,780.75
Colonial No. 3	238.15
Colonial No. 4	556.20
Continental No. 1	2,012.45
Continental No. 2	616.10
Continental No. 3	637.80
Crossland	599.40
Davidson	10,130.75
Dorothy	538.80
Edenborn	341.40
Everson Car Shops	1,602.40
Footedale	1,036.80
Gates	261.95
Hecla No. 1	1,985.65
Hecla No. 2	2,202.60
Hecla No. 3	661.20
Juniata	13.25
Kyle	1,669.20
Lambert	986.40
Leckrone	423.50
Leisenring No. 1	3,259.40
Leisenring No. 2	2,134.00
Leisenring No. 3	1,569.00
Leith	2,513.04
Lemont	3,842.30
Mammoth	2,158.50
Marguerite	373.00
Mutual	612.00
Oliphant	660.00
Palmer	322.20
Phillips	424.20
Redstone	2,190.25
Ronco	607.80
Shoaf	387.00
Southwest No. 1	7,501.80
Southwest No. 2	1,069.60
Southwest No. 3	2,913.30
Standard	10,519.10
Trotter	5,011.80
United	931.20
Water Companies	816.60
Wynn	278.40
Yorkrun	286.80
Youngstown	299.00
Abandoned Works	13,452.45
Total	$ 97,998.79

At the plants of the Hostetter Connellsville Coke Company, operated by the Frick Company, the payments were as follows:

Hostetter	$ 282.00
Whitney	1,274.60
Total	$ 1,662.60

The fund became operative January 1, 1911, by the joint action of the directors of the United States Steel Corporation and the Carnegie Steel Company. E. H. Gary, chairman of the former, is president of the board of directors which is made up of the presidents or executive heads of the constituent companies. W. H. Clingerman, president of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, represents that organization on the board. In the coke region the management of the fund is in charge of B. C. Bell, manager of accident relief.

Since the establishment of the fund a grand total of $8,095,122.49, has been distributed, the increase from year to year having been steady and in large amounts. The payments for 1922 exceeded those of 1921 by $318,782.59.

During 1922 there was a net gain of 449 in the number of pensioners, 745 having been added and 298 discontinued, leaving the total on December 31, 3,886. The average for all cases, 1911 to 1922, inclusive, has been: Age, 66.28 years; service, 31.39 years; pension, $25.75 per month. The average gains during 1922 were: Age, 0.18 years; service, 0.44 years; pension, $1.65.

FORD BUYS GLASS PLANT

Pittsburg Enterprise Taken Over by Automobile Manufacturer.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 14.—The plant of the Allegheny Plate Glass Company has been sold to the Ford Motor Company, it was announced yesterday.

The plant turns out 6,000,000 to 7,000,000 square feet of glass a year.

Northern W. Va. Scale Renewed.

The existing wage agreement under which the mines of the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association are operated, has been renewed.

KIWANIANS HEAR TALK REGARDING STATE FORESTS

"The Forest Situation in America" was explained to members of the Connellsville Kiwanis Club at the noon lunch given today. A. O. Vorse, chief of the office of Information of the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry, was the speaker. He was accompanied by R. B. Ross, who showed moving pictures to illustrate the state's need of increased forest acreage.

The talk was a boost for the $25,000,000 bond issue now before the Legislature, which it is claimed, will save the state $75,000,000 annually. The speaker said the forests of Pennsylvania give enough wood to "bury our people but not enough to keep them while alive," giving as his basis for the statement the figures showing 50 feet only is required to make a coffin while 300 feet per annum are required by each live Pennsylvanian. If the bond issue is passed, he declared, there will be at least 5,000,000 acres of land in state forests, making available a fund of $30,000,000 annually for public education, twice the sum now paid for such purposes.

There were 57 members and five guests present. Dr. T. B. Echard won the attendance prize. The silent boost was by R. C. McCormick. W. R. Long asked that the bowlers turn out for the evening contests.

OFFICERS OF NEW HOSPITAL ASS'N ARE ELECTED

At a meeting of a selected committee held in the Carnegie Free Library Monday, the Connellsville Hospital Association was organized and steps will be taken immediately to secure a charter. Permanent officers were elected and the work will go forward rapidly now is the belief.

About 25 persons were present at the evening's conference. Considerable enthusiasm towards the movement was displayed and C. B. Franks, elected general chairman, pledged himself to do all in his power in promoting the purposes of the organization.

Dr. W. H. Hetrick, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church, acted as temporary chairman and named a nominating committee, composed of Dr. H. C. Hoffman, Rev. J. L. Proudfit, Charles T. Kepner, H. W. MacRobbie and Philip Gallardi.

The committee met at once and its nominations were accepted. The officers elected are:

C. B. Franks, general chairman; C. M. Stone, general vice-chairman; Henry B. Brown, secretary, and Lyman K. Miller, treasurer.

The executive committee includes: Attorney R. S. Matthews, chairman; Dr. W. H. Hetrick, Dr. J. L. Cochran, Charles T. Kepner, Gaetano Corrado, M. Aaron and W. D. McGinnis.

No date was set for the next meeting of the association but will be held at the call of the president.

FUND FOR FRANCE TO BE RAISED HERE BY BALTIMORE & OHIO

Taking the "good will" of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad to the devastated regions of France and to the orphans there bereft of fathers since the world conflict, is the honor bestowed upon Miss Nina Spengler, representative of the railroad company in the "good will" national election now being conducted along the entire Baltimore & Ohio lines and sponsored by Daniel Willard, president of the railroad company.

Lined up behind Miss Spengler is the whole organization of the Baltimore & Ohio and an appeal to the employes' loyalty to the "Baltimore & Ohio Girl" already has gone forth to all. Local committees are forming to push Miss Spengler's campaign to a successful conclusion. The campaign ends February 24.

Sunday, February 11, W. W. Wood, welfare director of the railroad, left Baltimore on a quick tour of the principal terminal points where he will speak to the employes about the purposes of the "good will" election and solicit votes for the company's candidate. Mr. Wood will have with him moving pictures showing the situation in France, the tour of the American Committee last year and the company's representative. He will be in Connellsville, February 22.

The object of the "good will" national election is to raise funds toward the completion of the work of the American Committee in the devastated regions of France which comprise 1-16th of the entire country, at the same time conveying to the French people an expression of good will from the American communities which participate in the humanitarian work. So that representatives of the people who subscribe to the fund may see for themselves the good work that has already been done by the American Committee and what yet remains to be done in the rehabilitation of the war-torn regions, the voting contests were arranged.

Only Two of 122 in Dawson Mine Survive

DAWSON, N. M., Feb. 12.—Only two of the 122 miners in Dawson Mine No. 1, where an explosion occurred last Thursday afternoon, survived. That was established late last night when the Phelps-Dodge Corporation, owner of the mine, announced it had been completely explored the mine and that all possibility of any of the entombed men being alive had vanished.

The known death toll today stood at 106. Fourteen still lie in the tunnels in which they were working when the impact of the explosion snuffed out their lives.

STOCKS OF COAL ON HAND JAN. 1 LARGER THAN ON OCTOBER 1

Total Estimated at 36,000,000, a Gain of 10,000,000 Tons in Three Months.

COKE RESERVE SMALLER

The United States Geological Survey reports that on January 1, 1923, commercial consumers had in storage approximately 36,000,000 tons of soft coal. This was 10,000,000 tons more than the revised figure of stocks on October 1, 1922, and 4,000,000 tons more than on November 1. Despite this increase, however, stocks were considerably below those on the first day of preceding years for which records are available.

Measured in tons, stocks were 39 per cent larger than on October 1. Measured in terms of days' supply the increase was but 24 per cent, owing to the increased rate of consumption in November and December.

Had stocks been evenly divided among all consumers, the supply on January 1 would have lasted 26 days. The stocks on the corresponding date a year ago were sufficient to last 41 days, on January 1, 1921, 30 days, and January 1, 1919, 43 days. Stocks are never evenly divided, however, and in every locality there are some who carry very little coal in storage and others who have reserve stocks far above the average.

Since the first week in January the trend in the rate of production has been downward, but the total output during the month was in excess of consumption and stock increased.

Stocks on the Lake docks on January 1, classed as coal in transit, were 3,129,306 tons. Reports from a group of producers indicate that there were nearly 750,000 tons in storage at the mines or at points between the mines and ultimate destinations.

Stocks of surplus coke at by-product coke plants continued to decline and were less than one-quarter of what they were on March 1, 1922. The total quantity on hand on January 1 was 212,000 tons.

Complete reports from by-product coke and steel plants showed reserve supplies of 18 and 19 days on November 1 and January 1, at the rate of consumption that prevailed in November and December. During the last quarter of 1922 five days' supply was added to stocks at by-product plants and 10 days' supply was added at steel works.

Stocks of unsold coke at by-product coke plants have decreased to such an extent that the quantity on hand represents only a normal working supply. Against a stock of 870,000 tons on March 1, 1922, the same plants had 228,000 tons on November 1 and 212,000 tons on January 1, 1923.

The quality of railroad-fuel stocks decreased from 5,450,000 tons on October 1 to 5,350,000 tons on November 1. During November and December, however, stocks increased and on January 1 the railroads had a reserve of 6,775,000 tons. At the current rate of consumption this was sufficient to last 16 days.

Miners' Union Wants Certificate Law for Bituminous Regions

HARRISBURG, Feb. 9.—The United Mine Workers will not only fight the bill now before the Legislature to repeal the anthracite miners certificate law, but their legislative lobby will try to have the present law extended to the bituminous regions of the state. This action was decided on at a recent meeting of the anthracite tri-district board in Wilkes-Barre.

The board also decided to work for the repeal of the anthracite tax law which was upheld a few weeks ago by the United States Supreme Court, declaring that if the state must have increased revenue a tax should be placed on bituminous.

Advertise in The Weekly Courier.

Complaints Against Fayette County Gas Co. Withdrawn

1917 Schedule of Rates Will Stand as Filed With Service Body.

NO FREE GAS FOR CITY

The complaints filed with the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission by the City of Connellsville and the Uniontown Trades and Labor Council in April, 1917, against the Fayette County Gas Company, have been withdrawn.

The effect of the withdrawal is that the schedule of rates made effective in 1917 will remain in force and the city of Connellsville will no longer receive free gas in the municipal buildings.

The complaint of the City of Connellsville was to support the contention of the municipality that it had the right, under the terms and conditions of the original grant of right of way to the predecessor of the Fayette County Gas Company, to be supplied with free gas in the municipal buildings. The complaint of the Uniontown Trades & Labor Council was against an increase in rates.

In each case stipulations were filed whereby the complaints agreed to accept as final the decisions that might be rendered by the Superior Court in similar cases then pending. The point involved in the Connellsville case was covered in a complaint from Butler county wherein the decision was to the effect that public utilities can classify rates as to uses made of their service but cannot discriminate against patrons of the several classes by giving free service to any class.

The Uniontown case was in a way related to the action of the states of Pennsylvania and Ohio against the West Virginia natural gas law, which prohibits the transportation of gas outside the state. The case is shortly to be re-argued in the United States Supreme Court. The Uniontown case was still more closely related to what is known as the Johnstown case, in which complaint was filed against the Johnstown Fuel Supply Company's new rates. Extended hearings were held in this case but the main question of the reasonableness of the rates was never threshed out.

In both the Uniontown and Johnstown cases the main contention on part of the gas companies was that the Public Service Commission of Pennsylvania did not have jurisdiction to determine the questions at issue because the supply of gas distributed to consumers in Pennsylvania came from outside the state and was therefore, subject to federal, not to state, control.

When the Johnstown case was passed upon by the commission it was held by that body that the company was under state laws. When the case went to the Superior Court an agreement was made that if the decision on this point was sustained, the Fayette County Gas Company should also be so considered.

Following the filing of the original complaint of the Uniontown Trades & Labor Council against the Fayette company the steady increase in prices for labor and commodities of all kinds during the war, and the delays in the hearings caused loss of interest in the case and, to a certain extent, it was allowed to go by default. The formal withdrawal of the complaint of the City of Connellsville settles the free gas question in favor of the company. By agreement made at the time the complaint was filed the gas company was not to charge for gas consumed while the complaint was pending, but was to keep a record of the consumption. With the withdrawal of the complaint the city will now be required to pay for all gas used in the city hall and West Side fire departments.

E. C. Higbee, solicitor of the city, prepared and filed the complaint on behalf of the city. Harry W. Byrne was attorney for the Uniontown parties.

RAILROADS STILL BREAKING FREIGHT HANDLING RECORDS

During Three Months Ending January 13 Increase Was 1,011,765 Cars.

TOTAL 11,728,038 LOADS

Referring to the investigation that has been ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission regarding the efficiency with which railway equipment is being used, the Railway Age says:

"The railways may well welcome an investigation of that matter at this time. Within recent weeks, they have making the best records in the efficient use of equipment ever made at this time of year. They have been helped by mild weather, but they have made these records in spite of the fact that the shop employes' strike is still in effect on most roads.

"In the three months from October 13, 1922, to January 13, 1923, the total number of carloads of freight moved was 11,728,038. The best previous record ever made in a corresponding period was in 1920-21, when from the middle of October to the middle of January they moved 10,716,273 loads. The record made within the last three months has been 1,011,765 cars or almost ten per cent better than ever before.

"Labor leaders and other agitators have been going to the Interstate Commerce Commission and members of Congress and telling them that the railways have been 'breaking down' because most of them have not settled with their striking employes. These figures are a conclusive answer to that claim.

"The latest statistics of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which give in detail data showing the efficiency with which the railways have been using their equipment throw much light on the question of how the railroads have succeeded and are still succeeding in handling more business than ever before at the same time of year. The best results ever previously obtained in November, in the use of equipment were those for 1920. The number of tons of freight carried one mile last November were larger than in November, 1920, while the number of freight train miles was smaller. This was due to the fact that in this month in 1920 the average number of tons of freight carried per train was 691, while in 1922 it was 719. Shippers did not load as much freight per car, the average number of tons per loaded car in 1920 being 30.2 and in 1922, only 28.2; but there were more cars in the average train, the number in 1920 being 37, while in 1922 it was almost 39.

"The average distance cars were moved per day in November, 1920, was slightly less than 27 miles, while in 1922 it was slightly more than this. To state the matter in another way, while the average load per car showed a reduction the average miles each car was moved daily showed an increase, and in consequence, in spite of lighter loading, almost exactly the same amount of freight service was rendered daily with each car; and because, on the average, there were more cars in each train, there was more freight service rendered with each train. In November, 1920, almost 37 per cent of all the mileage made by freight cars was made by empty cars. In November, 1922, only about 32½ per cent of the car mileage was made by empty cars."

Ford's Coal Company.

The Fordson Coal Company has been incorporated in Delaware with a capital stock of $15,000,000 to operate the properties recently purchased by Henry Ford in Kentucky and West Virginia.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN THE LOWER CONNELLSVILLE DISTRICT

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, February 10, 1923.

Ovens	In	Works	Name of Operators.	Address.
			MERCHANT OVENS.	
40	40	Adah	Westm'd-Fayette Coke Co.	Greensburg
293	293	Allison No. 1	W. J. Rainey, Inc.	New York
200	200	Alison No. 2	W. J. Rainey, Inc.	New York
142	142	American 1	American Coke Corporation.	Pittsburg
240	240	American 2	American Coke Corporation.	Pittsburg
50	...	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
206	142	Century	Century Coke Co.	Brownsville
40	40	Champion	Champion C'ville Coke Co.	Uniontown
257	...	Champion	Champion Gas Coal Co.	Pittsburg
118	102	Crystal	Hecla Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
236	236	Dunbo	Reliance Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
402	249	Donald 1 & 2.	Consolidated Coke Co.	Pittsburg
160	...	Donald No. 3	Consolidated Coke Co.	Pittsburg
120	120	Edna	Waltersburg Coke Co.	Uniontown
132	132	Eleanor	Stern Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
34	34	Foster	Old Connellsville Coke Co.	Smithfield
120	48	Freedom	Republic Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
119	119	Garwood	[illegible]	Connellsville
58	...	Genuine	Genuine C'ville Coke Co.	Uniontown
200	200	Griffin No. 1	Hecla Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
196	196	Griffin No. 2	Hecla Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
216	210	Herbert	C'ville Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg
45	20	Hillside	Westmoreland Gas Coal Co.	Pittsburg
52	16	Hill Top	E. Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
194	130	Hoover	James H. Hoover	McClellandtown
38	38	Hope	Hope Coke Co.	Uniontown
195	180	Hustead	Hustead-Semans C. & C. Co.	Uniontown
260	260	Isabella	Hecla Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
24	...	Junior	Junior Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
240	66	Katherine	Union Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
260	140	Labelle	American Conn. Fuel Co.	Labelle
200	40	Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co.	Helen
30	30	Leon	Franklin Coke Co.	Mt. Pleasant
400	300	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co.	Scottdale
40	...	Little Gem	The Bixler Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	...	Low Phos	C'ville Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg
34	34	Luzerne	Luzerne Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
64	60	Marion	Southern C'ville Coke Co.	Connellsville
300	278	Mt. Hope	Snowden Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	100	Old Home	W. J. Parshall	Uniontown
202	184	Puritan 1 & 2	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
76	...	Puritan No. 4	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
80	80	Puritan No. 5	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
101	...	Poland	Poland Coal Co.	Pittsburg
126	51	Rich Hill	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co.	Outcrop
275	...	Royal	W. J. Rainey, Inc.	New York
45	45	Russell	Russell Coal & Coke Co.	Smithfield
30	30	Sackett	H. R. Sackett Coal & C. Co.	Smithfield
378	272	Searight	Bourne-Fuller Coke Co.	Uniontown
260	160	Shamrock	Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
210	210	Sterling	Consolidated Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	238	Thompson 2	Thompson C'ville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
320	302	Tower Hill 1	Eastern Coke Co.	Pittsburg
394	361	Tower Hill 2	Tower Hill C'ville Coke Co.	Uniontown
42	20	Virgie	Byrne Coal & Coke Co.	Scottdale
500	186	Washington 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co.	Dawson
500	288	Washington 2.	Washington Coal & Coke Co.	Dawson
60	60	Winmore	Wineland-Gilmore C. & C.	Uniontown
36	36	Yukon	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown
10,267	7,009			
			FURNACE OVENS	
400	400	Alicia	Pittsburg Steel Co.	Alicia, Fay. Co.
100	...	Bridgeport	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
470	...	Brier Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co.	Brier Hill
428	171	Buffington	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	380	Colonial No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
156	156	Colonial No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	219	Colonial No. 4.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	250	Dearth	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	...	Edenborn	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	190	Footedale	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
292	180	Geneva	McKeefrey Coal Co.	Leetonia, Ohio
462	...	Lambert	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
516	...	Leckrone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
244	...	Martin	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Youngstown, O.
30	...	Newcomer	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
480	234	Orient	American Coke Corporation.	Uniontown
400	374	Republic	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Uniontown
350	...	Ronco	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	300	Thompson 1	Redstone Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
6,556	2,874			

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THE NEW "DRY" BILL.

The prohibition enforcement bill, prepared under the direction of Governor Pinchot and introduced in the General Assembly, is in stricter concurrence with the Volstead Act, the federal enforcement law than any similar measure adopted by the states since the ratification of the 18th Amendment. In this respect, and the complete elimination of the licensed saloon from Pennsylvania, the bill differs radically from the Woner Act, which the prohibitionists condemned because its provisions were not in entire accord with the letter and spirit of the federal law.

The new bill adopts the Congressional standard of alcoholic content in beverages, which means that until the federal law is changed intoxicating liquors will be those having more than one-half of one per cent. by volume, of alcohol.

The manufacture, sale, barter, possession, transportation, import or export of liquors thus defined as intoxicating, and advertising or exposing for sale, manufacturing or having possession of any contrivance, material or substance for the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, will be unlawful under the proposed new law. To prevent such misdemeanor and to punish those adjudged to be guilty, is its object and purpose

While the bill provides the same method of enforcement as is provided under existing legislation, the enforcing powers will be invoked by different agencies Instead of a state prohibition enforcement bureau, operating as such, the full power of the state administration, acting through the attorney general, will be used to see that the prosecuting attorneys of counties and solicitors of municipalities are vigilant and active in carrying out the provisions of the law. In brief the governor, as chief executive of the state, will be the chief prohibition enforcement officer in the sense that he will hold the attorney general's department responsible for results

The search and seizure provision of the bill is found to be much less an abridgement of the private rights of citizens than opponents of all enforcement measures had forecast. This provision cannot be invoked until both the magistrate and the prosecutor have reason to believe and do believe, that certain premises are being used unlawfully for the manufacture or sale of intoxicants, and then only upon a warrant which can be served only by an officer of the law No such search warrant shall be issued for a private dwelling used exclusively as such, unless intoxicating liquor is unlawfully manufactured, sold or furnished therein, or appliances for such manufacture are kept therein

This provision goes even beyond the safeguards of private premises by the Constitution of the state, under which laws have been enacted authorizing search and seizure on probable cause to believe the law is being violated instead of the practical certainty that it is being violated, as provided in the new bill.

The bill, or any having even less drastic provisions will meet with opposition by that element in and out of the General Assembly which is in sympathy with the efforts to nullify the 18th Amendment and to discredit or make difficult all enforcement measures But the great majority of the people of Pennsylvania, are not nullificationists They entertain a wholesome respect for the law and have arrived at the conviction that the question of who shall rule—the people or the bootleggers—must be settled if the sovereignty of the state is to be maintained

The people have faith that the proposed enforcement law will be helpful in that direction and without doing hurt to any law-abiding citizen They also have hope that it will be effective in curbing the law-breaking gentry who are bringing discredit and shame to our great common wealth.

REWARD OF FAITHFUL SERVICE.

Even if people have acquired the habit of thinking of money in large figures only $103,988 is a fairly good sized sum especially when it is distributed in one year as part compensation or reward for long and faithful service by the employes of a large industrial enterprise

That amount was paid in 1922 to the beneficiaries of the United States Steel and Carnegie Pens on Fund who have been employed by the subsidiary companies of the United States Steel Corporation in the Connellsville region It represents almost nine per cent of the grand total of $1,266 661 74 disbursed by this agency during the year to 3 885 pensioners whose average term of service has been more than 31 years and whose average age exceeded 66 years. The average monthly pension was $27 75 or at the rate of $309 per year

As compared with the amount distributed in wages to the active employes of the companies the pension payments may seem inconsiderable but many of the pensioners can recall a time in the history of the coke region when the annual total of the employer's payroll was less than the total of the pension disbursements last year

But the most significant fact is that the creation of the fund which since its foundation has distributed $8,095,122, was by voluntary action of the parent organizations and for the purpose of giving recognition in substantial form to the men who continuously served as employes over a long period That such a reward was to be given has been a stimulus to many men and has been helpful to them in developing steady habits of work They have thus become better family men and citizens and more valuable to their employer and by virtue of the kind and amount of service they have rendered they are justly entitled to be enrolled as beneficiaries of the pension fund.

It is all the more to be regretted therefore that a number of employes in the coke region pursued such a course during the sympathy strike as to deprive themselves of their status as prospective pensioners

TIME FOR EXPRESSION, NOT "MERE AVOIDANCE."

President Harding's appeal to Congress to take prompt action on the British debt settlement agreement and the ship bill was so frankly and so convincingly stated, and the importance of these questions stressed with so much earnestness, that the members of the national legislature should be moved by a sense of duty that will not permit them to evade the issues

In presenting his appeal President Harding was impelled by no motive other than to remind Congress that the questions he asks to be determined promptly are inseparably related to our good fortunes at home, and our high place in the world

"The call of the world today," the President said, "is for integrity of agreements, the sanctity of covenants, the validity of contracts Here is the first clearing of the war clouded skies in a debt-burdened world and the sincere commitment of one great nation to validate its financial pledges and discharge its obligations in the highest sense of financial honor"

Because of the great need that an initial step be taken in relieving the uncertainty of the war debts, President Harding very plainly told his auditors that "Congress owes to itself, to the executive branch of the government, and to the American public some decisive action Mere avoidance by prolonged debate is a mark of impotence on a vitally important public question

This statement expresses public sentiment on these questions with great clearness and emphasis Plainly there is call for Congressional expression, not mere avoidance"

RESTRICTION OF IMMIGRATION.

The more the proposed permanent Immigration Restriction Act is studied the clearer does it become that the measure more accurately reflects public sentiment upon the question of curbing the rush of foreigners to our shores than any legislation yet suggested. Further it gives the government larger liberty in the control of immigration by more explicitly defining the classes or groups of people who are to be admitted Through this selective process means will be provided to keep out all those whom it would be undesirable or who are unworthy to become good citizens

The authority to exclude people of certain nationalities is granted under a general provision of the bill which sets forth the principle That an immigrant not eligible to citizenship shall not be admitted to the United States There is already a gentlemen's agreement between the United States and Japan with respect to immigration from the latter country The bill simply translates this agreement into law in the provision which excludes Japanese immigrants

As affecting Europe and the Near East, the bill would reduce the quotas from any one country in any year to 400 in addition two per cent of the number of foreignborn individuals of such nationality resident in the United States when the census of 1890 was taken The present restriction act, which expires June 30, 1924 fixes the quota at three per cent based on the census of 1910

With the new bill in operation the number of immigrants admitted in any one year would be 186 437 as against 358,337 under the present act although the general provisions designed to avoid divisions of families would cause the number admitted to become considerably larger Irrespective of the fixed quotas the immediate family and close relatives of any foreign-born citizen of the United States, and the immediate family of any alien resident here for two years, and who had formally declared his intention to become a citizen would be admitted

The census of 1890 instead of a later one, is taken as the basis for fixing percentages of admission in order to increase the proportion of aliens admissable from northern and western Europe and decrease the proportion from southern and eastern Europe About 1890 a decrease began in the movement of immigrants from northern and western Europe and an increase began from southern and eastern countries Experience having proven that immigrants from the latter have been more difficult of assimilation the purpose of this feature of the bill is to favor the immigration of nationalities which have been more ready and willing to become citizens of rather than temporary or alien dwellers in our country

There is no objection to the coming of foreigners to our shores if they are of the character and class that will make good and law abiding citizens Of the other kind we have admitted altogether too many The object of the new bill being to better regulate the number of immigrants and exercise some privileges of selection by applying reasonable restrictions there should be no hesitation or delay on part of Congress to enact it into law

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MAKING MAIL SERVICE BETTER.

Unless senders of mail matter pay close attention to the new regulations of the Postoffice Department governing preparing and addressing, to become effective February 15, they will find their letters and packages coming back to them or landing in the dead letter office instead of reaching the parties for whom they were intended

Carelessness in giving street and number in addresses and failure to place a return card on the envelope has resulted in millions of pieces of mail failing to reach their destination and has almost overwhelmed the dead letter office in its efforts to make delivery With a view to correcting this condition the department has formulated some new rules respecting the preparation of mail with which every patron of the postoffice should become familiar

First of all it is urged of senders to plainly write the name of the person addressed street and number, or number of rural route postoffice box number or "general delivery," when mail is to be so delivered, for the purpose of providing accurate directions and to insure prompt delivery. At the same time the sender should place his or her address in the upper left hand corner of the envelope or wrapper in order that the letter or package may be returned in case it cannot be delivered on account of failure to locate the party to whom it was addressed

This has, in general, been the rule and practice for a long time But in order to still more certainly correct the evil of incomplete addressing of mail new regulations have been prepared the operation of which will more effectively bring home to the senders the fact that they have been careless or negligent When letters mailed at the home office of the sender do not bear specific addresses, but do bear the return card of the sender, they will be immediately returned to the writers without effort on part of the postal employes to more definitely locate the addressee If such letters are found undeliverable, and no forwarding address has been filed at the postoffice they will be returned to the writers If letters do not bear a return card and are undeliverable at the specific address given, they will be given directory service at the post office If still undeliverable they will be held one week then sent to the dead letter office

Letters of outside origin will be treated in much the same way the object in all cases being to impress upon senders the necessity of addressing correctly and providing a return address so that, if for any reason the matter is undeliverable it may be returned to the sender who is thus and by this means apprised of the fact that the matter has not reached its destination

These regulations are all in the interest of better service to patrons of the postoffice and will accomplish that purpose to the extent that they are complied with by persons when preparing letters or parcels for mailing Coöperation on your part will be of benefit to yourself and everybody to whom you have occasion to send mail matter of any kind Incidentally it will help the postal employes to still better serve the whole country

LET US HAVE A LINCOLN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

In our failure to provide some form of celebration of the birth of Lincoln which would serve to emphasize the outstanding traits of one of the most august characters in modern history the people of Connellsville are overlooking an opportunity to be helpful in bringing those of a later generation in closer touch with the spirit of America which he better than any other American, embodies and exemplifies

We have a number of organizations some of avowed patriotic purposes and objects, which could do nothing better than to arrange a schedule of exercises for this day which would fittingly commemorate the anniversary and prove to be a stimulus to a more rugged and virile Americanism The life and services of no man in our nation's history offers a greater inspiration than that of Lincoln to whom H G Wells, the English author has paid this magnificent tribute

America might have imported her Washington, full grown, from the old world. She had to grow her own Lincoln.

He, better than any other, seems to me to embody the essential characteristics of America. He stands for your equality of opportunity, for the right and the chance of the child of the humblest home to reach the highest place. His simplicity, his humor, his patience, his deep abiding optimism, based on the conviction that right will prevail and that things must work themselves out—all these seem to typify the best that you have to give. And they are very rich gifts indeed.

It is very interesting and significant to the historian that the Lincoln legend has already grown to such proportions. He has been dead only half a century, yet already he has a secure and permanent place in the affections of men, not only over here, but everywhere. I think we are safe in including Abraham Lincoln in our list of permanently great figures; not merely because of his own greatness, but because of the greatness of the spirit of America, which he, better than any other American, embodies and exemplifies.

We ought to have such an appreciation of the lessons to be drawn from this great hearted man of the people that we would desire each year to give it expression in appropriate form Let us therefore resolve today that next year Connellsville shall have an observance of Lincoln's Birthday which will show we are not unmindful of our privileges or negligent of our duties

The activities of the prohibition enforcement agents are transforming many different sections of the country into Run valleys and causing many countenances to assume a rueful aspect

Abe Martin

German marks are now worth 23 900 per dollar at the curb or three dollars per in.

We still have five or six statesmen in this country but nothing ever done without first callin th bankers

Th' late King Tutankhamen o Egypt tried t take everything with him when he died an he came purty near gittin by with it.

Another drawback t' a free country is that anybuddy kin go in a new neighborhood an' build eight or nine little one story houses all jest alike

Jake Bentley talks o sellin his farm an movin' int apartments an invest his money in tax exempt securities till he's able t buy a pair o shoes

Nothin' makes a well dressed woman as mad as t time herself so as t git t' th' the-ater after th curtain goes up an' then find th house dark far th first act

It's beginnin t' look out that a lot of our $1 a year men was overpaid which reminds us that we never git thro payin for somethin fer nothin

It's purty tough t' have loved an lost, but t have loved an lost an then have t lay in jail for weeks awaitin acquittal must be fierce.

Another fine thing about a closed car is that we're purty safe if we unintentionally injure a skunk

Mr an Mrs Lafe Bud threaten t send their daughter t college if she don't behave.

Peace at any price is all right cept between th miners an operators

Sen Couzens, th new Michigan Senator is fer government ownership o th railroads We wondered if ther wuzn some kotch t him

Enforcement the Sole Issue

Philadelphia Ledger

Everybody who disapproves of the prohibition amendment and everybody who intends to disobey the prohibition enforcement laws whenever the opportunity offers will begin to pick flaws with the bill prepared under Governor Pinchot's direction to put the laws of Pennsylvania in line with the nation on this vital issue

People forget that the issue today is not whether the abolition of the saloon and the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors are wise or necessary or approved by a preponderating public opinion The sole issue as it presents itself to officials sworn to uphold the law and protect society from violence and anarchy is the enforcement of law as it is not what they or any one else thinks it ought to be

There are already heard expressions of grave doubt whether the existing agencies for the law can be trusted to enforce a statute framed in conflict with a widespread popular dissent from its purposes It is said that any strict attempt at enforcement will lead to the corruption of the police to the abuse of power by magistrates, and so forth These things are to be expected. They have their counterpart on every occasion when serious attempts are made by legislation to meet and curb evils in our financial and social customs But it ought not to be forgotten that venal officials are not beyond the reach of the laws and that the people are themselves responsible for disloyal public servants Any community cursed with dishonest public officials has itself to thank and cannot successfully shift the blame to faulty laws or systems of administration

It is conceded that there is an appallingly widespread disrespect for the laws which Governor Pinchot in the discharge of his sworn duty is undertaking to enforce And it is not questioned that the accomplishment of his task is going to be made more difficult by the hostile public opinion But he is not relieved from his solemn obligation of duty by any popular disapproval no matter how loudly it may be expressed The governor will find without the shadow of a doubt that he will be sustained in his present determination by an overwhelming popular approval He is doing what he was elected to do and while the way may be long before substantial results are reached before there will be created a better spirit of obedience to law he is going about that task in the only possible way

If the proposed new immigration law still further restricting the number who may come to our shores in a single year contained a provision requiring all aliens now resident here to become citizens or go back home Congress would be furnishing proof that it is at last grasping the meaning of the term America for Americans

The generous response to Mrs Emrich's appeal for aid for the destitute women and children of the Near East at the High School Sunday night shows that the people of this vicinity have not forgotten how easily they can open their purses after their hearts have been touched by the story of other people's distress

Men to labor more than eight hours

The Stork is evidently becoming a convert to the theory that if one little visitor in a home is a good thing three are still better

The appetite of The Courier's waste basket for communications unaccompanied by the name of the writers is just as keen as it always has been

In Line With Its Record

Pittsburg Post

Regardless of the differences of viewpoint on Governor Pinchot's orders to the State Constabulary in connection with the drive against violators of prohibition the troopers are giving another exhibition of their reliability when action is demanded. They had been making arrests before in such cases but, as every one knows, were not used to much extent in that branch of law enforcement The point is that while the public has heard much of drives against violators of the 18th Amendment it was left finally to the state troopers to set the pace Within a few days after the order was given to the constabulary to "go get em" there were yells arising from bootleggers camps throughout the state

No one says that our State Constabulary has a perfect record. Occasionally it has had its members who turned out unworthily, but this has been rare In the main it has a record of which the state as well as the troopers may be proud The constabulary's getting the prohibition offenders on short order is simply in line with its record

The Eight-Hour Wife

Harrisburg Telegraph

It has come We knew it was almost due And it has fallen to the lot of Maine to discuss and debate the proposal We refer to a bill in the Legislature providing eight hours of labor a day for the housewife and making it illegal for her to give more than that period to her home duties.

And it is fair Anybody who subscribes to the eight hour day for the man—and who of us does not do that?—can argue that it is unreasonably short for the wife? What is sauce for the gander in this instance is sauce also for the goose If it wrecks the happiness and shortens the life of a day why isn't it reasonable to believe that a ten hour working day for the wife may drive her to sorrow and an early grave?

Husbands who will have to wrestle with the problem of readjusting household conditions to meet such a law as is proposed in Maine will begin to realize the problems of employers who have become grayhaired trying to solve the problem of making advancing costs and a shortened day so combine themselves as to keep the plant running and the sheriff at a comfortable distance

Under the provisions of the act the housewife would begin at 8 and quit at 4, which would knock breakfast for most folks into a cocked hat and rule out the evening meal Beside who would put the children to bed set out the milk bottles see that the doors are locked a kettleful of water on the back of the stove the kitchen fire damped the light on the porch turned off a clean shirt laid out for late sleeping hubby's delayed get away in the morning? Echo answers who?

And if she gets the eight-hour day why it is only reasonable to suppose that next year she will go after seven hours, with a five-day week and a threat to strike if she doesn't get it.

Break the strike, did you say? Nay brother here is a place where the law would forbid the importation of a strike-breaker And if the law would close its eyes the neighbors wouldn't—nor their mouths

End of the Coke Strike

Cleveland Retail Trade

Desertion of the Connellsville mine and oven strikers by the miners' union effectively removes for many years at least the strike hazard in the beehive coke industry That the coke region will not submit to union domination seems to be a lesson that must be learned by every generation The fathers of the present strikers and the fathers of the European laborers who broke it were figures in the strike of 1894 The strike of 1922 saw the consequence of each locking horns with the operators That they will be persuaded again to leave their jobs in answer to dizzy promises does not seem possible but it goes without saying that operators for some years at least will be constantly on their guard for signs of labor discontent and will avoid being caught napping again.

Calling off the strike after many reiterated promises that the union would never desert its members in Connellsville was a bitter pill for the strikers to swallow but judging from the sentiment now openly expressed it has effected a cure of the union bug The mine union without a doubt owes whatever success it attained in last summer's strike to the loyalty of the Connellsville strikers Had there been capacity production while the union mines were idle as the operators were prepared to accomplish the Connellsville tonnage together with that from the West Virginia non union fields would have been adequate for the country's needs to the point that the union mines might have suspended indefinitely and their tonnage might not have been missed so sorely The Connellsville tonnage represented the balance of power however in that struggle and it fell onto the union's side bringing the operators to terms

When the Cleveland agreement was signed the prediction was made freely that the Connellsville miners had been left holding the bag but organizers for a time were able to hold the ranks intact by describing the apparent difficulty which operators faced in filling strikers places Gradually however, new laborers became trained and the progress made in reorganizing plant forces induced many of the strikers to seek their old jobs That situation continued developing until the coal shortage struck industry generally Then the hiring of former strikers ceased and throughout the winter about 2000 miners and their families, approximately 10,000 people in all have been living in tents barracks stables and shacks subsisting on the meager benefits derived from the union and from the results of employment found at other work

For months the hopelessness of continuing the Connellsville strike has been apparent to everyone but the union apparently held back the strike-off order until all possibility had gone of their members ever getting their old jobs back now a non union basis The international union seemingly wanted to get rid of the Connellsville situation before the end controversy between operators and miners over wage scale took the center of the stage as it did with the New York conference and the preliminary report of the fact finding commission To be relieved of the financial burden imposed by the strike benefits no doubt also was a big factor

Radicals in Congress

W H Barr President National Founders Association

We have come to a point in national affairs where we seem to be headed almost directly for serious trouble Through the activity of about a dozen demagogues the country is plunging into a situation where the so called balance of power in Congress is placed in the hands of these men The situation is due directly to the farmers of the Middle West who unthinkingly voted into office men who used agricultural difficulties to promote their own political advancement If through the political plotting of a few this country is going to revert to super-taxation on business we shall probably produce another panic

The exponents of these ideas in Congress are for the most part men who know absolutely nothing and who care nothing about business They would sell the business of the United States for a column of publicity in their home papers and yet they are dictating policies and plans that can only bring disaster How long will our people permit such tactics?

Fossils in Nebraska.

Lowell Courier Citizen

Still more fossils of prehistoric reptiles and reptiles have been discovered in Nebraska proving to the scientists that various well developed species lived their lives on the prairie many years ago Did presence of such discoveries cause William Jennings Bryan to change his residence from Nebraska to Florida?

A Real Hick Town.

Baltimore Sun

A hick town is one where you can't park where you darned please

Frightens Others Away.

Des Moines Register

No woman likes to shoot her husband It frightens away all the other men

Nice to be a Man.

Asheville Tennessean

The nice thing about being a man is you don't have to kiss somebody that needs a shave

According to the Coal Commission the coal industry has enough different kinds of trouble to make it unstable

His Services Unnecessary.

Columbia S C State

An Italian artist is coming over to paint American women The important thing! The American women can paint themselves

Hard Lines for Three Professions.

Atlanta Constitution

If everybody keeps getting better and better what will the preachers, the doctors and the undertakers do?

The Family Budget.

Cincinnati Enquirer

The reason the old fashioned family could afford to raise five or six girls was because in those days they didn't all have to have silk stockings

The Downfall of Fashion.

Philadelphia Record

The more pictures we see of Palm Beach and Miami the more we realize that fashion and vulgarity have come to be synonyms

Black Hood On. Manhood Off.

Washington Post

The men who put on the black hood put off their manhood

And the Fair Sex Approves.

Asheville Times

The cosmetic manufacturers prove that it pays to keep up appearances.

Just Folks

Edgar A. Guest

ABE LINCOLN.

Bill and Jim drove into town on a pleasant summer day
Puffed their pipes and talked of things in a friendly sort of way
Talked of crops and politics neighbors and the price of nails
Then as they were jogging on passed a fellow splitting rails
Who's that yonder Bill says Jim I don't seem to know his face
That's Abe Lincoln answered Bill — got a shabby sort of place.

Lawsuit going on one day Bill and Jim had time to spare
Dropped into the court awhile found most all their neighbors there
Moonlight night one witness said prisoner's chances might be small
Till his lawyer rose and proved there wasn't any moon at all
Who's defending him? says Jim Rather clever I should say
That's Abe Lincoln answered Bill homely as a bale of hay

Politics were getting hot meeting almost every night
Orators from north and south talking loudly for the right
Bill and Jim were always here cheering for their party's cause
Then one day a chap got up talking morals more than law
Who's that speaking now? says Jim I think I've seen his face before
That's Abe Lincoln answered Bill Shall we go? Let's stay more

Many of us isn't much for greatness to be found about
But when seen from day to day men are slow to find it out
Those who saw him splitting rails those who heard him plead a case
Passed him by with little thought laughing at his homely face
Those who neighbored with the boy those who saw his summer tan
Those who lived in Lincoln's time never really knew the man

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Looking Backward

News of the Past Condensed from the Files of The Courier

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16, 1883.

A petition is in circulation among the citizens of the first district to change the polling place from Cottage Hall chamber to the sitting room of the Allegheny House

Joseph Solomon will build a handsome three story brick business building on the lot now occupied by the postoffice building The plans have been completed

Edmund Fourpaugh four year old son of J A Fourpaugh of Dunbar had scalded when the youngster runs into a servant girl getting out of the door with a pan of water in her hands The contents were turned upon him

William Barnett an aged citizen of this place died yesterday week and five children He was about 84 years old

T Reid Torrence is laying a brick pavement in front of his home on Chestnut street Scottdale

Fifty conversions are made at the revival services being held in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Scottdale

The Connellsville & Youghiogheny Coke & Coal Company is making a test of the coal in the Uniontown region as to its coking qualities

William Hare of Scottdale is killed when he steps in front of a Pennsylvania railroad train He is buried at Pennsville

James W Herbert and Mrs Lidde Holliday both of Connellsville are married by Rev A Z McGogney at the Presbyterian parsonage

H B Adams of Saltlick township cuts a gash in his foot while chopping wood

Seven residents of Indian Creek claim to have seen an enormous panther in that neighborhood

Miss Mary A Carr of Layton takes a position as telegraph operator at Dawson

William T McKinney of Layton and two young men from Jacobs Creek will leave for Texas

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1893

Detailed report of the Connellsville coke trade for the week ending February 11 shows a total of 17328 ovens in the region of which 13 130 are in blast and 4 198 idle showing a total estimated production of 1267 0 tons

Peemickey depot Alex Long's tin store and Nell Long's shoe office in New Haven are broken into by burglars who get just three cents for their efforts

D K Arman is named candidate for burgess by the prohibition party

A tenant house belonging to Mrs John B Skinner and occupied by A F McHugh and E F Walker is damaged by fire to the extent of about $400

Howard Michaels of Berkeley Springs W Va and Miss Maggie Mifflet of Trotter are married at the residence of John Kessler at Trotter

Arrangements are being made with the hotels here to serve meals to 600 Chicago people on March 4 en route to Washington to attend the inauguration of President Cleveland

F S Laine who has been looking after his interests in Florida for several weeks returns home

Cards are out for the wedding of Charles I Gray of Scottdale and Miss Lillian Snyder daughter of Christian Snyder the ceremony to take place at the family residence in Apple street

D P Patterson formerly a barber with P Bufano purchases the shop of J L Johnson and with Charles King as assistant is open for business

Mrs H S Wilson of Mount Pleasant wife of Rev Wilson, dies She was 40 years old and was formerly Miss Nannie Long of Franklin township and a sister of Nell Long of New Haven

C M Hyatt breaks ground for a handsome residence on the corner of Arena street and Pocohontas streets on the South Side

James Harald the Hill Farm miner who is badly burned by falling into a coke oven at Wheeler a month ago dies at the hospital here

Marriage licenses are issued in Uniontown as follows John DuRoth of Pittsburg and Selma Fleming of Uniontown Christian B Shank of Pennsville and Ada Wentworth of Dickerson Run Amos Hatfield and Hannah Candy both of Bullskin township Joseph T Hair and Sarah E Stauffer both of Dunbar township Robert C Russel of Jumonville and Rosan Winegove Dawson Uriah W Farland of Jefferson county Ohio and Lizzie of Boyer of Bullskin township Walter Addis and Bridget Keames both of Vanderbilt Jacob B Pritts of Springfield township Nora M Reece of Westmoreland county William I Cotton and Eliza Stimmell both of Tyrone township

Maggie Luce youngest daughter of Philip R. Luce of Perryopolis dies

Rev Dr Samuel Wakefield of West Newton 94 years old is the oldest Methodist Episcopal minister in the United States also the oldest Mason in Pennsylvania.

George Wagner of Moyer a hauler at Grace mines is seriously squeezed about the hips when he is caught between the wagons and the ribs.

An infant child of Mr and Mrs James Boyd of Moyer dies

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20, 1903

Detailed report of the Connellsville coke trade for the week ending February 14 shows a total of 26 379 ovens in the region of which 25 472 are in blast and 907 idle with a total estimated production of 292 396 tons

Henry C Huston formerly of Connellsville dies suddenly at the home of his son in law Wallace H Rowe in East End Pittsburg

Charles W Patterson Republican is elected burgess of Connellsville over William McCormick by a majority of 56 votes

McClain Crossland Democrat elected burgess of New Haven Nell Long as school director is the only other Democrat successful in the election

John A Cullen of Connellsville and Jacob I Kendall of Pittsburg purchase 97 acres of the Pittsburg vein of the Youghiogheny steam coal from Dr B H Van Kirk of West Newton for $800 per acre and will develop it

Charles D Louden and Miss Hazel K Conn are married at the Methodist Protestant parsonage by Rev W H Gladden

Captain Thomas M Lee is appointed notary public

Engineer R W Guthrie of Meyersdale is killed at Foley Station when run down by a freight train He was 45 years old

L A McDole Baltimore & Ohio brakeman is fatally injured near Uniontown when he is dragged while making a coupling His home is at Chalk Hill

FEBRUARY 17, 1913

Detailed report of the Connellsville coke trade for the week ending February 8 shows a total of 28 822 ovens in the region of which 27 039 are in blast and 1783 idle with a total estimated production of 410 444 tons

Mrs Conrad Hoop formerly of Connellsville died in the Columbia Hospital Pittsburg

Scott W Littlemoon and Helen J Shaffer both of Southville are married

Boyle J Bailey and Sarah E Workman both of Bullskin township are granted a marriage license in Uniontown

Charles J Straub brother of A A Straub of this place dies in Pittsburg

Rev A J Seaman receives a badly fall while pruning a grape arbor at the home of V A Hazlett in Patterson avenue

Mrs Elizabeth Jaynes 72 years old, of Wheeler dies

EARLY MORNING FIRE THREATENS OLD OPERA HOUSE

Blaze Starts in Basement of Building From Overheated Furnace.

DIFFICULT TO COMBAT

Smoke Bars Firemen From Seat of Blaze and Hose Is Trained on It From Rooms of American Express Company; Damage Is Slight.

The old Newmyer Opera House now occupied by the Union Drug Store, the American Express Company and a number of apartments, caught fire Thursday morning and for a time it looked as though the blaze would become serious Tenants in the apartments were aroused from sleep and told to leave the building before exit would be cut off The place was filled with smoke but the flames were extinguished before any great damage was done

The fire resulted when the woodwork over the furnace ignited from an overheated flue The janitor was present at the time but he had no water with which to extinguish it and he sent a call to the Fire Department The alarm sounded at 6 30 o'clock

When the truck arrived the basement was full of dense smoke and the firemen experienced difficulty in carrying a hose to the seat of the fire which broke through the floor of the express office and was fought from that point Believing the blaze might become serious Fire Chief DeBolt ordered the tenants from the building

About 20 minutes after it was thought everyone was out of the structure a man appeared at the head of the stairs, up which smoke was rolling He had failed to get out when warned and was finally fully awakened by the smoke He presented an amusing sight, standing outside in his bare feet and nightclothes his wearing apparel under his arm

The floor of the express office was considerably damaged and the entire building was filled with smoke but the loss was not heavy the flames being confined entirely to the basement Some furniture in the express office was damaged

WEEKLY MEETINGS FOR SHOPMEN AT DICKERSON RUN

DICKERSON RUN, Feb 8—Y M C A shop meetings are being conducted weekly at the Pittsburg & Lake Erie roundhouse and car shops The meeting will be held on Wednesday of each week during February and March The meetings at the roundhouse will be held at 11 o clock and at the car shops at 12

The first was held yesterday The speaker was Rev O B Emerson, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Dawson His subject was Life Assurance '

Wednesday, the 14th, Rev C H Beall, pastor of the M E Church of Vanderbilt, will be the speaker His subject will be "The Oil

Other speakers will be

February 21 R K Smith, superintendent of the Dunbar Township Schools, his subject, 'Brawn and Brain."

February 28, Dr H J Bell of Dawson subject Tangled Values"

March 7, Rev E A Glennon pastor of the Sacred Heart Church of Dawson, subject, 'Parents and Children

March 14, Rev E B Shaw, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Dawson, subject Chaff '

March 21 Dr J H Hazlett of Vanderbilt, subject, 'Thrift '

March 28 Dr H N Cameron, district superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church, subject, "What Are You Worth?"

About 200 shopmen heard Rev Emerson yesterday and were very attentive and seemed to enjoy his talk, which treated on careful living, safety, protection and the soul's salvation

W. C. T. U. COMMITTEE PLANS COUNTY WORK

Mrs J K Ritenour entertained the executive committee of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Fayette county February 7 at her home in Uniontown It was announced that a welfare worker will visit the county for a two-week period addressing and assisting the several unions Her visit will culminate in a large county-wide welfare conference March 23 in the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Uniontown This will be an all-day meeting Mrs Azuba Jones, state evangelist and national organizer of the W. C T U, and Mrs Flora Diffenderfer will be the principal speakers Announcement was made that the county convention will be held at Vanderbilt the third week of September

The following were present at the meeting Mrs Carrie G Beeson South Brownsville Mrs Mary McVay Brownsville Mrs Ella Bryson Laurel Hill, Mrs Nett Arnold Vanderbilt Mrs. Margaret Bittermore Connellsville Mrs Faye Kamerer and Mrs Maude Armstron Perryopolis Mi Neva MacFarlane and Miss Maude Conn Point Marion Mrs Martha McCullough Farmington, Mrs Lila Patterson Vanderbilt Mrs F F Dillinger Mrs S F Downs Mrs Forest Sharps Mrs O S Mullin and Mrs John Stumpf Uniontown

Smith Heads Field Forces.

HARRISBURG Feb 8—Captain Herbert Smith of the State Police has been named chief of the Pennsylvania prohibition enforcement forces to succeed John F Wrigh

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1,064 JURORS ARE DRAWN FOR MARCH COURT

Summons have been issued for 24 grand jurors 320 petit jurors and 720 traverse jurors for the March term of court in Fayette county, making a total of 1 064 jurors to serve at one session probably the largest venire ever summoned at a single term There were 2 210 names placed in the jury wheel and almost half of this number have been drawn for the first session There will be four weeks of criminal and nine weeks of civil court In the list are a large number of prominent citizens of the county About 40 per cent of the jurors are women

The grand jurors are

Wm H Brightwel laborer Belle-vernon

Chas H Brophy coal operator Springfield No 1

Harry S Clark druggist Uniontown fifth ward

Mary W Dawson housekeeper Uniontown first ward

Edith Flynn nurse South Union township No 1

Mrs. Edith Hodges housewife Georges No 3

Frank Holland engineer North Union 2

Ike Humbert farmer Springhill 1

Harry Kinter foreman South Brownsville second ward

Charles Lashinsky ticket agent Connellsville township No 2

John T Laughrey machinist Uniontown third ward

A F Lewis brakeman Connellsville first ward

Mrs. Etna Lyons housewife Springhill 1

Edward Morgan blacksmith North Union 2

Watson Murphy farmer Franklin No 2

Margaret McCarthy housekeeper Uniontown second ward

William Nelson laborer Stewart township

N L Post railroader Uniontown third ward

Gilmore Provins coal operator Masontown

Charles Shearing glassworker South Connellsville

Nettie Smith housekeeper Dawson

Marie Stangroom housekeeper Vanderbilt

Frank P Wright tipple boss Brownsville township

Harry Yoho jeweler South Brownsville borough

Meyersdale Fair Association Names Officers for Year

MEYERSDALE Feb 6—The reorganization of the Meyersdale Fair & Race Association for the year 1923 was effected recently by the election of the following officers. President, Dr Bruce Lichty, first vice-president, J H Lenhart, second vice-president, Charles A Phillips, secretary D J Fike, treasurer and assistant secretary Robert L Kenton

The audit of the books showed the association in fine financial standing, notwithstanding the fact that large sums of money were spent last summer in the erection of new buildings and for repairs The several committees have been appointed which will at once get busy in arranging the preliminaries for the fall meeting and it is confidently believed by the officers and members of the association that the 1923 Meyersdale fair and races will be the best in the history of the association covering a period of 20 years

A. W. Franks Made Leader of New Firemen's Band

Connellsville will have another brass band Organization of the outfit fostered by the New Haven Hose Company Connellsville's volunteer department was completed at a meeting Monday night The personnel is practically composed of amateur musicians including the best talent in the city

A W Franks was named temporary leader No assistant leader was appointed Other officers are E L Frye, president C M Wilhelm vice-president, J M Southard Jr secretary A G Black, treasurer E R Taylor librarian

Another meeting is scheduled for next Monday night at which time practice sessions will be begun There were about 15 persons present at Monday night's gathering

E. A. Bailey Sues Fairmont Man for Half Million Damages

WHEELING W Va Feb 6—Suit for a half million dollars has been filed in the federal court here in behalf of E A Bailey of Connellsville, Pa, organizer of the Federal Carbonic Company of Fairmont against Marcel Jeuffe Fairmont millionaire

The suit is based on a charge of malicious prosecution growing out of the trial and acquittal of Bailey a year ago at Fairmont on a charge of embezzlement

Dairy Association Re-Elects Old Board

At a meeting Monday here the stockholders of the Farmers Co operative Dairy Association re elected the old board of directors which is composed of G M Griffin of Smock F E Arnold of Franklin township John Moreland of Dunbar township William D Hixon of Dawson and J L Linn of Vanderbilt The board will reorganize Saturday C L Mowrer is retained as general manager

Reports of the year's business were submitted and the condition of the association generally discussed

Time Extension Announced.

WASHINGTON Feb 7—The commissioner of internal revenue today announced an extension of time until June 15 of the final date for filing tax returns on domestic preparations for the calendar year 19__

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INSPECTOR PAYS COMPLIMENTS TO GUARD COMMAND

Howitzer Company and Medical Detachment Show Up Well at Inspection.

70 MEMBERS IN UNIFORM

The Howitzer Company and the Medical Detachment of the 110th Infantry National Guard of Pennsylvania passed the annual federal inspection at the Armory Thursday evening with flying colors according to the inspecting officer, Captain Barth H DeGraff of Butler

The Medical Detachment was put through a number of squad movements by Lieutenant Russell Lugieka Top Sergeant Tweed H Stafford and Sergeant Tony Renocks Following this the detachment was put through a number of first aid and litter drills showing how to treat a wounded soldier

The Howitzer Company was last inspected it being put through a number of squad movements by Sergeant Krepps and Lieutenant R A Marietta The company was then divided into four squads two of the squads taking a howitzer each and the other two a trench motor each with each squad going through the drills of preparing for action and going out of action

Both units were praised by Inspector DeGraff for the appearance and efficiency in drill

Forty-eight members of the Howitzer Company were present and 22 members of the Medical Detachment

The officers of the Howitzer Company are as follows Captain George Bowick Jr first lieutenant, Reigh A Marietta, first sergeant Alonzo Krepps, sergeants, Harry Rogers Robert Springen Gust Exacustides and Louis Conn, corporals George Beniston Edward Conn Herbert Ellis Clarence Hume Elmer Henry, Charles Mitchell and Charles Storey bugler, Leo Rist

The officers of the Medical Detachment are as follows Major J L Junk captain Harry Baile, first lieutenants John Stewart and Russell Englehka sergeants Tony Renocks Tweed Stafford Walter Rogers, Harry West and Dominic Isola, corporal, William Pirl

CLEVELAND TRADE BOOSTERS COMING HERE MARCH 5

Connellsville on Route of 57th Chamber of Commerce Excursion.

WELCOME BEING PLANNED

Connellsville will be visited on Monday, March 5 by the Fifty-seventh Trade Extension Excursion of the Manufacturers & Wholesale Merchants Board of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce according to word received this morning by A B Norton Jr, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce It is estimated the party will include from 30 to 50 members

The purpose of the enterprise, the letter states is to bring the executives of some of the Cleveland houses into contact with those with whom the have been doing business The journey is characterized as a social-business trip

A desire to meet the business men of the city is expressed The party will leave Cleveland on Sunday evening and arrives here on Monday morning March 5 at 1 o clock The party will not leave until 10 05 A M when its special cars will be attached to Train No 66 for Uniontown

The Chamber of Commerce will make some arrangements to meet the visitors and conduct them about the city

Uniontown Rector May Lose Sight

Rev Donald Kent Johnston rector of St Peter's Episcopal Church Uniontown may be forced to relinquish his charge and retire from the ministry on account of failing eyesight He has been granted a three weeks leave of absence and has gone to his former home in Boston Mass to consult specialists there and unless speedy relief can be supplied Dr Johnston's eyesight may be permanently impaired or altogether lost

The trouble dates back only a few months ago and gradually grows worse every week

S. J. Harry Company Awarded Contract

The S J Harry Company has been awarded the contract for sinking a mine shaft on the property of the Vintondale Collieries Company at Vintondale The estimated cost is approximately $225 000

The shaft will be 12 feet wide, 24 feet long and 425 feet deep It will be concrete lined A road 1 000 feet in length will be built on the property

Bitner Woman Found Guilty of Forgery

PITTSBURG Feb 9—Mrs Jane Angus of Bitner Fayette county was convicted yesterday of forging a United States obligation She was accused of forging the name of Mrs Dorothy Smith on a United States treasury check for $__ A motion for a new trial was filed and Mrs Angus was released on $500 bail

C. A. MILLER NEW MEMBER SCOTTDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCOTTDALE Feb 8—C A Miller was named last night by town council to fill the term of Councilman E L Stoner who resigned recently He was sworn in and took part in the evening session

Burgess Walter Schaffer T J Divens and T L Reynolds were named to represent Scottdale at the state convention of boroughs on February 20 and 21

President Edward Tintsman reappointed Rev J L Hutchinson and R R Graft as members of the board of trustees of the public library to serve two years F F Doorley and O T Hess were named for the full three year terms

The resignation of Ben B Gibson as borough engineer and street commissioner was accepted Mr Gibson is engaging in business it was said George Murray will have charge of street work temporarily

Opening of an alley south of Parker avenue from High street to the end of Parker avenue was authorized

Street lights were ordered placed at Second avenue and Baxter street and Broadway and Park street

CHARLES MORRISON, ONE-TIME RESIDENT HERE, DIES IN CHICAGO

Word has been received here of the death of Charles Morrison 65 years old a former well known resident of Connellsville February 7 at his home in Chicago He was a son of the late Mr and Mrs David Morrison of Connellsville and resided here until about 1880 when he located in Chicago where with his brother, William Morrison now deceased he engaged in the manufacture of paint. He was a member of the First Presbyterian church in that city Besides his wife he is survived by one daughter Mr Morrison was a brother of Thomas Morrison and a cousin of Mrs A S Haddock both deceased of Connellsville and a cousin of Mrs Mary Springer of the West Side and Mrs Janet Lucas of Belle Vernon

Mount Pleasant Men Convicted of Fogle Robbery

GREENSBURG Feb 8—Roy Davenport and William Mascino charged with assaulting and robbing Felix Fogle aged Mount Pleasant man, of $402 the night of October 30 were found guilty as indicted in a verdict returned this morning

An effort was made by the defendants to establish an alibi Both testified they were at Stauffer the night of the robbery The alleged crime was perpetrated on Hallowe'en and the fact that Mrs Davenport who testified she was with them, was in the parade and received a prize for a costume discounted their evidence Two witnesses were called to prove that Mrs Davenport personally claimed a prize

It was said the defense would ask for a new trial

County Millage Slightly Reduced

At a meeting of the county commissioners held February 7 in Uniontown the millage for the year of Fayette county was fixed at 10 and a half mills a reduction of half a mill from that of 1922

The 1923 valuation was placed at $108 000 000 which is considered very low for Fayette county The reduction this year comes on the sinking fund which has been reduced to one and a half mills The general fund is six mills the road fund two mills and the poor fund one mill

Klan Gives $25 Toward Pipe Organ

SOMERSET Feb 6—Dressed in full regalia six members of the Ku Klux Klan of this section last night visited the Somerset United Brethren Church and handed the Rev J M Feighner pastor $25 in cash

A note accompanied the money explaining that it was to be used toward the purchase of a new pipe organ A campaign has been in progress for some time with a view of raising funds for the purchase of the new instrument

Mother of Rev. Johnston Dies

Rev J M Johnston pastor of the Covenanter Church, West Side received a message this morning of the death on Thursday of the Mrs Sophia Johnston 86 years old, at Hopkinton Ia

Mrs Johnston's husband J M Johnston, died 17 year ago

Standard Man Sentenced.

GREENSBURG Feb 8—Continuing his policy of no leniency to violators of the prohibition laws, Judge William T Doty yesterday imposed a fine of $100 the costs and a sentence of sixty days in the county jail upon Jacob Covall of Standard, who had entered a plea of guilty to having a still in his possession

Plans for New Building

CONFLUENCE Feb 8—At a meeting of the school board last night it was voted to employ an architect to draw plans for the proposed new school building

Got Land For Sale?

If so advertise it in The Weekly Courier Results follow

REGISTER AND CLERK'S NOTICE

The following executors administrators guardians and trustees have settled their respective accounts in the office of the Register and Clerk of Orphans Court and the same will be presented for confirmation to the Orphans Court of Fayette County at the Court House Uniontown Pa MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1923

No	Estate of	Accountants	Filed
1	George W Williams	Fred F Williams Surviving Executor	Nov 21 1922
2	Hannah M Miller	Edna M Ashcraft Administratrix c t a	Nov 21 1922
3	Emmanuel L Savage	Marshall N Thomas Administrator	Nov 28 1922
4	John P Archer	Mary E Archer Administratrix	Dec 6 1922
5	Rev John F Burns	Rev M A Lambing Executor	Jan 1 1923
6	John P Hogg Minor	Fidelity Title and Trust Co Guardian	Dec 11 1922
7	William H Caldwell	[illegible] L Gallh Administratrix	Dec 1922
8	Eva Kathryn Cordien Carson Minor	John C Welty's Guardian	Feb 1923
9	Amber F Lloyd Minor	G W Brown Guardian	Dec 13 19__
10	Clarence E Lloyd Minor	Guy W Brown Guardian	Dec 13 19__
11	Myrtle I Lloyd Minor	Guy W Brown Guardian	Dec 13 19__
12	Clarence C Carson	John A Carson Administrator	Dec 4 19__
13	Phillip R Luce	David [illegible] M Luce Executors	Jan 3_ 19__
14	Thomas Murt	James [illegible] Administrator	Jan _ 19__
15	Enoch M Abraham	J W [illegible] Executors	Jan _ 19__
16	Robert M Wilkin	John L Williams Administrator	Dec 19__
17	Prudence M [illegible]	William F Swartz Administrator	Jan 2_ 19__
18	[illegible]	Hattie V Burg[illegible] Administratrix	Dec 6 19__
19	[illegible]	Cara E Kintsey Administratrix	Jan 1_ 1__
20	Elizabeth Sun[illegible]	Jesse S Martin Administrator	Jan _0 19__
21	James B [illegible]	T W Lawson Executor	Jan 18 19__
22	Donna Elizabeth McCuen, Minor	Citizens Title & Trust Co Guardian	Jan 19__
23	John [illegible]	Theodore [illegible] Administrator	Jan 2 19__
24	Charles [illegible] Booth	George [illegible]	Jan _ 19__
25	George W Johnson	Albert William Administrator	Feb 1 19__
26	[illegible] Higinbotham	[illegible] Higinbotham Executor	[illegible]
27	Robert B [illegible]	Clarence [illegible]	Jan 18 1__
28	[illegible] Thompson	[illegible] Administratrix	Feb 1 19__
29	[illegible]	Thomas [illegible]	Feb 1 19__
30	[illegible]	[illegible] Administrator	Feb 1 19__
31	[illegible]	[illegible]	Jan 1__
32	James M Newcomer	[illegible]	Jan _ 1__
33	Alpheus D Bolt	John W [illegible]	Jan 3 19__
34	[illegible] Norris	[illegible]	[illegible]
35	Mary J Beeson	[illegible]	Jan _ 19__
36	John [illegible]	[illegible]	Jan _ 19__
37	Konstantin [illegible]	[illegible]	Jan 19__
38	Tobia Vazzarano	[illegible]	Jan _ 1__
39	Mary [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] 19__
40	Moses [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] 19__
41	[illegible] Coffman	[illegible]	Jan _ 19__
42	[illegible]	[illegible]	Jan 31 19__
43	Dr M H Cloud	[illegible]	[illegible]
44	Mary Duval	William S Duval Executor	[illegible] 1923
45	Frank Younkin	Charles [illegible]	[illegible]
46	Joseph W McGinnis	[illegible] B McGinnis and [illegible] W D McGinnis	Jan 30 1__
47	Nina B [illegible]	[illegible]	Jan 31 1__
48	William Thornton	C W Thornton Administrator	[illegible]
49	Pete Miller	[illegible]	[illegible]
50	John [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
51	Jonathan [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
52	Clyde Campbell Sparks Minor	[illegible]	Feb 1__
53	Harriet Beulah Sparks Minor	[illegible] Guardian	Feb 1 19__
54	Edith Blanche Sparks Minor	[illegible] Title & Trust Co Guardian	Feb 1__
55	Bertha Kontour Minor	Citizens Title & Trust Co Guardian	[illegible]
56	James M Lohr	Mary Lohr Administratrix	[illegible]
57	William Krampe	[illegible]	Feb 1__
58	John B McM[illegible]	David M Pitt[illegible]	Feb
59	Mary E [illegible]	William H Oh[illegible]	[illegible]
60	Paul G Kunz	[illegible]	[illegible]
61	Sarah C Reese	Fayette Title & Trust Co Administrator	[illegible]
62	Sarah A Patterson	Robert F Patterson Administrator	Feb 19__
63	Amos W Stahl	[illegible] Administrator	Feb 1__
64	Samuel [illegible]	Charles [illegible] Administrator	[illegible]
65	Jesse C Hildebrand Minor	[illegible]	Feb 19__
66	Mary J Balsley	[illegible] Executors	Feb 19__
67	John Franklin Brown	A [illegible] Administrator	Feb 19__
68	Joel Collins	[illegible]	Feb 19__
69	Mae [illegible]	[illegible] Administrator	Feb 19__

AUDIT NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the above accounts will be taken up for audit and distribution before Judge [illegible] President Judge of the Orphans Court of Fayette County at the Court House [illegible] on each of the following days

Accounts No 1 to [illegible] inclusive on Monday March [illegible] Nos [illegible] inclusive on Tuesday March [illegible] Nos 31 to [illegible] inclusive on Wednesday March [illegible] Nos [illegible] inclusive on Thursday March [illegible] Nos 61 to 6[illegible] inclusive on Friday March [illegible] 1923 [illegible] above notice at which time and place creditors heirs and all persons interested shall attend if they see fit and present their claims against the said estate or forever be barred from coming in upon said fund

HUSTON S WILLIAMS
Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans' Court

PATRICK J. CONNOLLY APPLIES FOR PENSION, DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Patrick J Connolly 65 years old veteran employe of the H C Frick Coke Company died Wednesday February 7 at the home of his daughter Mrs William Finnerty at Leisenring No 1 of pneumonia Mr Connolly had resided at Leisenring for many years and was a laborer at the Frick plant until about two weeks ago when he retired He was employed by the company for 37 years He was entitled to a pension for which application papers had been made out

Besides Mrs Finnerty he is survived by one son Michael Connolly of Leisenring and a daughter Mrs Joseph Oglethorpe of Leisenring No 3 His wife died a number of years ago

The funeral will be held from the Finnerty home Saturday morning at 8 30 o'clock followed by requiem high mass at 9 o'clock in St. Vincent de Paul's Catholic Church at Leisenring The interment will be made in the church cemetery

MAN WHOSE SINGLE SHOT KILLED TWO GETS SIX TO EIGHT YEARS

Jacob Miller, who killed two men with one shot at New Geneva October 29 was sentenced to serve six to eight years in the Western Penitentiary The shot went through the head of James Brown and the heart of Edgar Blair

Kenneth Hovis and George Sherrick both of Connellsville were ordered committed to Huntingdon Reformatory for breaking into a Baltimore & Ohio car at Everson and stealing candy and other articles

Charles Grag and Howard Hodson of South Brownsville were sentenced to a year to the workhouse for assault and battery

George B Neighbors of Point Marion was granted a divorce from Agnes Neighbors They were married in 1921 at Dunbar Neighbors said his wife compelled him to sleep on the floor and cook for himself

Mary Roberts of Leisenring No 1 filed a libel in divorce against Henry Roberts Cruelty is charged

Two More Deaths Charged to Open Fires in County

Lydie Margaret Martin 19 years old daughter of William J and Lydie M Martin of Redstone township died February 7 at the family home in Redstone township from burns suffered when her clothing ignited from an open grate

Burns suffered February 7 when his nightgown caught fire from a small gas stove resulted in the death Wednesday of Clyde T Barber eight years old son of Thomas and Anna Barber of near Fairchance

Dog Owners Prosecuted.

HARRISBURG Feb 8—More than 30 prosecutions have been brought within the last 10 days against owners of dogs who have failed to take out 1923 licenses

TWO MURDER CASES, ONE LIQUOR, MARCH COURT AT SOMERSET

SOMERSET Feb 6—Forty cases have been placed on the calendar to be heard at the regular criminal term of court which will open at Somerset next Saturday The list consists of two murder cases Mrs James Albright 18 years old and James Cox 28 both of Meyersdale are charged with the killing of Clyde Hook Monday evening November 27 near the Meyersdale fair grounds The other case is that of Lloyd Mathias 28 who is charged with the killing of Mrs Ida Kelly wife of Ian Kelly of Rockwood at her home Thursday morning December 14

Only one violation of liquor laws has been placed on the calendar thus far The case listed for this term is that of John Horwitz of Rockwood Nearly all of the other cases are for assault and battery and desertion and non support The non support and desertion cases will be heard next Saturday

Fairview Property Sold.

Ira Fisher has purchased the Price property in Fairview avenue and will occupy it

Donations to Be Asked for State Cemetery Site

HARRISBURG Feb 8—The commission to select a site for state cemetery of Pennsylvania appointed under the act of 1921 has elected Representative James A Dunn of Philadelphia chairman

The commission plans to ask donations of tracts of not less than 200 acres no funds for purchase of land being available

Adjutant General Beary is secretary of the commission membership of which also includes H I John Philadelphia R J Woodside Pittsburg James K Rest Steelton and B N Booley Glenside

Boy Coaster Killed.

CUMBERLAND Md Feb 8—Bond Filler 15 year old son of Mr and Mrs C J Filler 1 South Lee street was instantly killed and his step brother Leslie Brotemarkle nine years was severely injured when a sled on which they were coasting down Washington street crashed into a taxicab on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad overhead bridge yesterday afternoon

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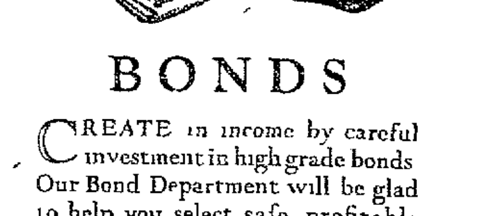

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Roses in Bloom, Straw Hats, Shirt Sleeves the Vogue in 'The Beauty Spot of Florida'

The sharp contrast between conditions in Connellsville and Florida are strikingly presented in a letter The Courier received Saturday from W. E. Mier who arrived last week at Orlando where he will sojourn for several weeks. In his message to the folks back home Mr. Mier says:

"Mrs. Mier and I arrived here safely on Saturday afternoon. We had no trouble getting a nice apartment in a good location on a beautiful street. The yard around us has orange trees loaded with fruit, guava trees in full bearing and just back of our house is a banana patch. As I write I see at least one bunch hanging over on out side of the fence, but not yet ripe. The market is full of all kinds of fruits and vegetables, of the choicest kind. The finest, large strawberries are selling at 20 to 25 cents per quart basket. They certainly are fine berries.

"The weather has been ideal since our arrival, just about like June. It certainly does one good to drop out of our northern weather into this. The paper reported a cold snap but it did not materialize.

"Of all the places in Florida I think Orlando is the beauty spot and I have been in all of them. Any one of my northern friends thinking of coming south would do well to come here. If any should want any information I shall be glad to tell all I know and help any get located after coming here. All they need do is write or wire me.

"The Sub-Tropical Fair is on here from February 13 to 17. Horse racing and all that goes with it is the program, including a show of fruits, vegetables, live stock, chickens and, in fact, everything that is produced in the state.

"The weather is so pleasant that everybody is sitting on porches and on the benches around the lakes in their shirt sleeves, wearing straw hats; many no hats at all. Roses are blooming; poinsettas, lots of them, everywhere as well as hibiscus and many other flowers I don't know.

"The town is building fast. The last year two very large hotel buildings were erected, one 10 stories; the other eight stories. A very large high school building that cost $175,000 and a new library are in course of construction. Two new grade school buildings are being started besides many apartment houses and private residences. The schools have increased 40 per cent in the last year. So you can readily see that I am not the only one who thinks Orlando the beauty spot of Florida.

"When I arrived here I found that the fruit in our grove had been sold. The crop consisted of 1,853 boxes of grape fruit, 333 boxes of pineapple oranges and 68 boxes of tangarines. Considering the season and the age of the trees we are very well pleased with the crop."

ALLEGED MURDER GANG OF DOZEN IS ROUNDED UP

The murderous assault on Charles Schepis in a Water street restaurant some months ago, the killing of Angelo Cambria, proprietor of a local Italian restaurant, in Uniontown and about 150 murders are believed to have been cleared up with the arrest of 12 men by County Detective J. J. Russell and West Virginia officers.

Detective Russell picked up Philipe Miesche of Lumberport, W. Va., and the prisoner is said to have made a statement that he shot Charles Schepis in the local restaurant, mistaking him for Angelo Cambria, the intended victim. He said he was sent here by Jim Urso, black hand leader in Fairmont. He claims Urso told him his error did not matter as Schepis was also listed as a victim.

Two other prisoners in the county jail are Guy Volte and Charles Clementina. Their arrest, it is said, clears up the killing of Cambria in Uniontown.

In Clarksburg there are nine others in jail, including Dick Ferri, believed to be the right hand man of Urso, and to whom 15 murders can be charged. Another man, Dick Salamandra will be charged with several murders, including the killing of Kirk Lohman at Everson last summer.

The reign of terror extends from Chicago to Baltimore, it is said. The police say Cambria was once a member of the band, and was guilty of several killings, also the burning of a house in Fairmont where three children were cremated.

Clarksburg dispatches say the authorities there are grilling the nine men under arrest. They will also get preliminary hearings before a magistrate.

Record and books of the Camorra society, found in a truck at the time of the arrests, it is reported show the men were picked up in the midst of a busy season. A book containing the names of a number of intended victims was found. Among the names was that of County Detective Russell, also Chief of Police Lundy of Fairmont and Rev. T. G. Gainor, pastor of the Northview Church at that place.

Six Die During Month From Bad Liquor, Report

The coroner's report for the month of January, announced Saturday in Uniontown, shows 39 violent deaths, or three more than were recorded in the previous month. Bad liquor took six lives, four died from acute alcoholism and two from poisoning. It was reported that some of the "poison liquor" contained alcohol used in the manufacture of canned heat.

There were five mine accidents, five homicides, one suicide, one street railways accident, one accidental strangulation, one accidental poisoning, one from electrocution, two automobile fatalities, and two murders. Five fatal accidents occurred on the railroads as compared to none in the previous month.

Uniontown Ahead Of Cleveland in Postal Deposits

The January report of the postal deposits given out by the information service of the Postoffice Department shows that Cleveland, Ohio, a city with a population of 732,841, was nosed out of 19th place in the Nation by Uniontown, with a population fo 15,800.

Uniontown's total deposits were $595,892, while Cleveland's were $559,511.

Mount Pleasant reported $184,598. The Connellsville office "is not in it at all," according to Postmaster J. E. Collins, who said that there "are too many banks in the city" for the people to invest their money in postal savings.

Coal Land for Sale!
Advertise it in The Courier. Results follow.

1923 Levy for City Will Be 16 Mills

The city millage was fixed by Council Monday night at 16 mills, divided as follows:

General fund, 10 mills.
Improvement fund, 3 mills.
Sinking fund, 3 mills.
The millage is the same as in 1922.

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Grim Reaper

JOHN M. HELLEIN.

After an illness of 10 weeks, John Milton Hellein, 57 years old, died Monday afternoon at his residence in First street, South Connellsville. Dropsy of the heart was the cause of death. Mr. Hellein was born near Bridgeport, near Mount Pleasant, and was the son of Leonard and Julia Porch Hellein. He received his education in the schools at that place and worked as a miner for the H. C. Frick Coke Company in Mount Pleasant for 30 years. Five years ago he was pensioned on account of ill health. Not long afterward he moved to South Connellsville. He married September 30, 1885. In addition to his widow he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Daisy Broclous, at home and one son, J. W. Hellein, of Connellsville. Two brothers, Lehman of Belle Vernon and Frank of Uniontown, together with the following sisters, Mrs. Kate Swords of Brownsville; Mrs. John Bitz of Greensburg, Mrs. James Soles of Ruffsdale, Mrs. Nancy Snyder of Brownsville and Mrs. George Mathias of Mount Pleasant, and four grandchildren, survive.

BENJAMIN NEWMAN.

Benjamin Newman, 37 years old, died Monday at his home at Yauger Hollow following a year's illness of heart trouble. Besides his wife, Mrs. Ethel Newman he is survived by the following children: Arzona, Robert, Franklin, Elwood and Clara, all at home.

MRS. THOMAS LEHMAN.

Mrs. Thomas Lehman, formerly of Vanderbilt, is dead at her home at Majestic, Ky. While the family resided at Vanderbilt Mr. Lehman was a mine foreman in that vicinity. From there they moved to Ellsworth, Pa., and later left for Kentucky to reside.

MRS. ANNA M. MOORE.

SOMERSET, Feb. 13.—Mrs. Anna Molly Moore, wife of George Moore of South Somerset, died Saturday afternoon at the Somerset county home, after a month's illness. She is survived by her husband and two children, Ruth and Harry, both at home.

JAMES W. NICHOLSON.

James W. Nicholson, 71 years old, of High House, died Monday in the Uniontown Hospital following an operation.

MRS. ORVILLE C. FULLER.

Mrs. Orville C. Fuller, formerly of Upper Middletown, died Monday at the family home in Bowling Green, Ohio.

MRS. REUBEN LOWERY.

Following a long period of illness Mrs. Huldah Moon Lowery, wife of Reuben Lowery of South Connellsville died Sunday afternoon at 3:40 o'clock. She was 63 years old. Mrs. Lowery's condition had been practically hopeless for a long time and though she rallied frequently, her strength did not remain. She was born at Bear Run, the daughter of Z. R. and Elizabeth Stull Moon. She received her education at Uniontown Soldiers Orphan School at Jumonville. On October 24, 1878 she married Reuben Lowery of Ohiopyle. After residing at Bear Run and Dunbar the couple came to South Connellsville about three years ago. Mrs. Lowery was a member of the United Presbyterian Church of this city. In addition to her husband she is survived by several sons and daughters. They are John, with whom she made her home; Clyde, also of South Connellsville; Ben of this city; Mrs. Laura Bell Woodmency, Indian Head; Mrs. Mary Pike, Leisenring No. 3; Mrs. Suzanna Morton, Dunbar; Mrs. Nellie Hyatt, of Leisenring No. 3. Three brothers and one sister also survive. They are Isaac and Z. S. Moon, both of this city; John B., of McKeesport, and Mrs. Margaret Skinner of Bear Run. Mrs. Harriet Koontz and Edward Scarlett, both of Bear Run, and David Scarlett of Birmingham, Ala., a half-sister and half-brother, together with 17 grandchildren, also survive.

MRS. A. G. C. SHERBONDY.

Mrs. Agnes Critchfield Sherbondy, 61 years old, wife of A. G. C. Sherbondy, postmaster at Normalville, died Saturday night at her home there after a brief illness. Mrs. Sherbondy was taken ill about four weeks ago and her condition grew rapidly worse. For two weeks no hope for her recovery had been held. The cause of death was given as dropsy. Mrs. Sherbondy was born at Normalville, a daughter of the late Henry and Jane Critchfield. Her entire life had been spent at Normalville. She was married in 1882. For 45 years Mrs. Sherbondy had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Normalville. She was known by all for miles around and was of that type of woman who acquires and holds friendship. Besides her husband she is survived by a son, Ivan G. Sherbondy of Normalville, and a daughter, Mrs. Frank Bigam of Mill Run, also 12 grandchildren.

JAMES A. WILSON.

James A. Wilson, 69 years old, husband of Sarah J. McKesson, died in North Side, Pittsburg, Sunday evening.

Mr. Wilson was formerly a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Connellsville and had been an elder for a number of years. He is survived by his wife and the following sons and daughters: Louis R. Wilson, Swissvale; James S. Wilson, Expedite; Mrs. W. H. Francis, Pittsburg; Mrs. S. S. Gettemy, Greensburg. Mr. Wilson leaves the following brothers and sisters: John W. Wilson, Kokomo, Ind.; Mrs. E. L. Wilson, Greensburg; Mrs. A. Fetters, Ruffsdale; Mrs. George Haggerty, New Castle. He was a brother-in-law of J. A. McKesson of East Francis avenue, Connellsville.

MRS. ROSE CAPIELLO.

Mrs. Rose Capiello, 63 years old, widow of Frank Capiello, died Saturday at her home at Wheeler. She had been ill a few days of bronchitis and pneumonia. Surviving are two sons, Antonio, with whom she made her home, and Nicholas, and a daughter, Mrs. Mary Check, all of Wheeler. She leaves also 12 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She was a member of St. Rita's Church, West Side. Mrs. Capiello came from Italy 20 years ago.

MRS. CLOTILDA WERTHEIMER.

Mrs. Clotilda Wertheimer, mother of David Wertheimer of Connellsville, died Sunday at Frederick, Md., at the age of 89 years. She had been failing in health for several years. Other children are Samuel Wertheimer of Cumberland, Md., and Marcus, Francis, Charles, Rose and Sarah Wertheimer at Frederick. Mr. Wertheimer left today to attend the funeral.

MRS. ADAM RUGIERE.

SCOTTDALE, Feb. 12—Mrs. Emily Rugiere, 26 years old, wife of Adam Rugiere of Grant street, died Sunday at the Mount Pleasant Hospital. Besides her husband she leaves several children and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Camara of this place.

AARON BOSLEY.

Aaron Bosley, 71 years old, died Sunday at his home at Smithfield. Besides his wife he is survived by the following children: Mrs. Blanche Eckert of Belle Vernon; Mrs. Clara Cooley and Clyde Bosley, both of Smithfield; Harry Bosley at home.

MRS. FRANCES KELLY LEWIS.

Mrs. Frances Kelly Lewis, 78 years old, mother of James, Levi and Charles Lewis, all of Scottdale, died Saturday at her home in Pittsburg. She was the wife of David R. Lewis.

MRS. MARY M. SHOAF.

Mrs. Mary M. Shoaf, 85 years old, died Sunday afternoon at her home at High House. She is survived by six children.

MRS. MARY E. ROBINSON.

Mrs. Mary E. Robinson, mother of George Robinson of Uniontown, died Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Hershberger, Cresaptown, Md.

MRS. CATHERINE SAYLOR.

Mrs. Catherine Saylor, 72 years old, died Saturday at her home at Woodridgetown, of heart trouble.

SAMUEL P. KIMMELL.

Samuel P. Kimmell, 76 years old, formerly of Fayette county, died Friday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Edward Miller, near Canton, Ohio. The body will be brought to Flatwoods, his former residence, for interment. It will arrive tomorrow at 12:15 o'clock at Allenport and will be taken to Flatwoods by Funeral Director Ira Blair. Mr. Kimmell was well known through this section of the county. He was born in Dawson and spent virtually all his life in that section. He left Flatwoods five years ago for Ohio, where he has since resided. He was a member of the Flatwoods Baptist Church. He is survived by four children, two sons and two daughters. They are Orval and Norval at home, Mrs. Dow Blair and Mrs. Edward Miller, both of near Canton, Ohio. Alex Kimmell of Connellsville is a brother and Mrs. Anthony Guth of Dawson is a sister.

MRS. MARY R. PASSALAQUA.

Mrs. Mary Rose Passalaqua, 65 years old, wife of Dominic Passalaqua, was stricken with apoplexy while returning from Dunbar on the West Penn car due here at 9:30 o'clock Friday night. She was removed to the West Penn waiting room and then to her home in Carnegie avenue where she died at 11:30 o'clock. Mrs. Passalaqua was a native of Italy, being born at Marsico Vetere. She came to America about 1880 and had resided in this city for 30 years. Her husband opened a store in Dunbar about 12 years ago. She is survived by her husband and brother-in-law, John Passalaqua, who is a well-known musician, and the following nephews and nieces, Mary, Isabel, Eleanor and Dominic Passalaqua, Frank Brill and Frank Passalaqua, a druggist employed at the Connellsville Drug Company.

MRS. FRANK W. SHOWMAN.

Mrs. Madge Gail Showman, 27 years old, wife of Frank W. Showman of Fairchance and daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Showman of Edna street, Connellsville, died Saturday morning at the Uniontown Hospital, following an illness of three months which began with the birth of a babe. Her condition had been such for several days that no hope for her recovery was entertained. Mrs. Showman was a teacher for three years in the schools of West Virginia. Her home was at Morgantown where her mother, Mrs. Sarah Conway, resides. She was a graduate of the Morgantown High School and of West Virginia Wesleyan College. Her husband, who is teacher in the Fairchance High School, served as a member of Company D in the World War. They were married just before he entered the service. Following the war they lived for a time on a farm near Scottdale and then went to West Virginia where Mr. Showman was engaged in teaching. They had located at Fairchance during the last school term. Mrs. Showman was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Morgantown and while there was an active worker. Besides her husband and mother, she leaves two children, Frank W. Jr., three years old, and the babe, Kathleen Lucile, also a sister, Mrs. Don Martin, of Morgantown, the last of a family of seven. Her father, Luther Conway, has been dead several years.

EVAN M. JEFFRIES.

Evan M. Jeffries, 64 years old, tipstaff at the Uniontown courthouse for the past year and a West Penn conductor for over 19 years, died Thursday night at his home in Uniontown following a two weeks' illness of heart trouble. Mr. Jeffries ran on the Uniontown-Greensburg line of the West Penn Railways Company for several years and had a wide acquaintance in Connellsville. He was born in South Union township, January 1, 1859, a son of H. C. and Nance F. Moore Jeffries and previous to beginning his street car career he was engaged in farming for five years in Georges township. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Jeffries, three children, Ray at home, and Levi Springer and Harvey E., both of Uniontown; two brothers, Elias Jeffries of South Union township, and John Jeffries of Uniontown and four sisters, Mrs. Jennie King, Miss Hannah Jeffries, Mrs. J. E. Rider and Mrs. Henry Hill, all of Uniontown.

JOHN A. ROHRER.

John A. Rohrer, 73 years old, a real estate man of Nicholson township, died Thursday at his home at Old Frame of pneumonia superinduced by grip. Besides his wife he is survived by five children and one sister, Mrs. Mary Hall, for 47 years a missionary in Japan.

PATRICK O'TOOLE.

SCOTTDALE, Feb. 7. — Patrick O'Toole died Tuesday night at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan O'Toole of Everson, after a long illness. Besides his parents he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Bernard, Terrence, Margaret and Elizabeth O'Toole and Mrs. William Lane, all at home; Michael O'Toole and Mrs. Paul Jarrett, Scottdale; Miss Mary O'Toole, Pittsburg and Mrs. Lewis Reppie, Wilkinsburg.

MRS. DOMINICA FENIELLO.

A letter has been received by James Feniello, the mail messenger at the local postoffice, telling of the death of his mother, Mrs. Dominica Feniello, wife of Pasquale Feniello, in Valva, Italy, where the family resides. The death occurred January 15. Mrs. Feniello was 82 years old. According to the letter she died suddenly as she was about to drink a cup of milk. A few years ago Mr. Feniello visited his parents, at which time his mother was in good health. In addition to her husband she is survived by two sons, James of this city and Ezio of New York. One daughter lives at home.

MISS ELEANOR JOBES.

Miss Mary Eleanor Jobes, 87 years old, died Feb. 6 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Asendorf in Race street of bronchial pneumonia. She was born in North Union township, a daughter of Daniel B. and Nancy Jane McCullough Jobes, and was a great aunt of Mrs. Asendorf. She is survived by one brother, Daniel B. Jobes of Erie.

PATRICK LUDDEN.

MEYERSDALE, Feb. 7—The funeral of Patrick Ludden, who died Sunday at his home in Keystone street, was held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, high mass of requiem being said at SS. Philip and James Catholic Church by his pastor, Rev. Brady. Mr. Ludden had been ill for more than three years. He was 50 years old and is survived by his widow and two daughters and two sons.

MRS. MARY L. REGAN.

SCOTTDALE, Feb. 8.—Mrs. Mary L. Regan, 69 years old, died this morning at her home at Reagantown. She was taken ill while visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. A. Kavanaugh in Herkimer, N. Y., and was brought to her home Monday a week ago. In addition to Mrs. Kavanaugh she is

Coal Freight Rates

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1922.

TO EASTERN POINTS. ORIGINATING DISTRICT

Rate per Gross Ton of 2,240 lbs.	Pitts'bg (9)	Connellsville Westmoreland Fairmont (8)	G'burg (7)	Latrobe (6)
Baltimore, Md. (Track Deliv.)	$3.24	$3.09	$2.94	$2.84
Chester, Pa. (P. R. R.)	3.24	3.09	2.94	2.84
Chester, Pa. (P. & R.)	3.24	3.09	2.94	2.84
Harrisburg, Pa. (P. R. R.-P. & R.)	2.73	2.58	2.43	2.33
Johnstown, Pa. (B. & O.)	1.39	1.39		
*Johnstown, Pa. (P. R. R.)	1.64	1.64		
Lebanon, Pa. P. R. R. and P. & R.	3.11	2.96	2.81	2.71
New York, N. Y. (37th St.)	3.49	3.34	3.19	3.09
New York, N. Y. (Bklyn.)	3.62	3.47	3.32	3.22
Philadelphia	3.24	3.09	2.94	2.84
Sparrows Point	3.24	3.09	2.94	2.84
Steelton, Pa.	2.73	2.58	2.43	2.33
South Bethlehem, Pa.	3.35	3.21	3.06	2.96
Syracuse, N. Y.	3.36	3.21	3.06	2.96
To ATLANTIC PORTS via P. R. R.				
Greenwich, local	3.24	3.09	2.94	2.84
Greenwich, export	2.72	2.47	2.42	2.32
South Amboy, P. O. B. vessels	3.14	2.99	2.84	2.74
Harsimus Cove	3.19	3.04	2.89	2.79
Greenville	3.19	3.04	2.89	2.79
Canton, Balto., local	3.24	3.09	2.94	2.84
Canton, Balto., export	2.66	2.50	2.35	2.25
To ATLANTIC PORTS via B. & O.				
St. George Coal Piers	2.99	3.34		
St. George for Export	3.14	2.99		
Philadelphia, Local	3.24	3.09		
Philadelphia for Export	2.72	2.47		
Curtis Bay, Local	3.24	3.09		
Curtis Bay for Export	2.66	2.50		

*The rate from points on the Monongahela Railway in the Fairmont group south of the Pennsylvania State line to Johnstown is $1.76 per net ton. Rates to Johnstown from Greensburg and Latrobe groups apply specifically from point of origin to destination.

The Connellsville rate applies to shipments from points on the Southwest Branch of the Pennsylvania railroad south of Ruffsdale; from points on the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston and points on the Monongahela River railroad.

The Fairmont rate on shipments via the Baltimore & Ohio applies to shipments from points east of Sutersville, Pa.; from points on the Smithfield & Masontown Branch and from the Fairmont Region of West Virginia.

ORIGINATING DISTRICT.

TO WESTERN POINTS. Rate per Net Ton of 2,000 lbs.	Pittsburg Group (1)	Upper C'ville (2)	Lower C'ville (3)
Canton, O.	$1.59	$1.66	$1.54
Chicago, Ill.	3.09	3.09	3.09
Cleveland, O.	1.84	1.99	1.99
Columbus, O.	1.89	2.06	2.21
Detroit, Mich.	2.58	2.58	2.58
Indiana Harbor, Ind.	3.09	3.09	3.09
Toledo, O.	2.31	2.39	2.39
Youngstown, O.	1.34	1.42	1.58
Lake Ports	1.66	1.72	1.81
To CANADIAN BASING POINTS:			
Buffalo, N. Y.	2.24	2.39	2.39
Port Maitland, Ont.	2.24	2.39	2.39

These rates apply in a general way to shipments from the territory described. There are, however, numerous extensions to the specific rates quoted and in each case before applying the rate as a basis for freight charges the shipper or consignee should determine the exact location of the mine from which the business will move, then refer to the Tariff naming the rate in question.

The Pittsburg District includes points east as far as Latrobe and south on the Southwest Branch to and including Ruffsdale; south to, but not including Brownsville on the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston railroad; eastward to Dawson on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and eastward to Dickerson Run and southwest to and including Brownsville on the New York Central lines.

The Connellsville District includes points on the Southwest Branch of the Pennsylvania railroad south of Ruffsdale; on the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston except Braznell and all Monongahela River railroad points; New York Central points east of Dickerson Run, including Connellsville Transfer, and points on the Baltimore & Ohio, Dawson to Point Marion, Pa.

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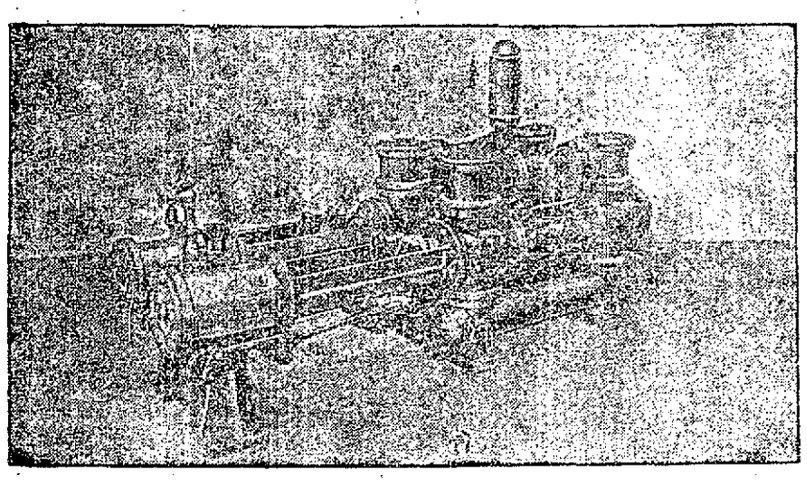

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